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## Immigration bill clears Senate test

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REPORTER

A sweeping national immigration reform bill that contains a pathway to citizenship for thousands of long-term, legal foreign workers in the CNMI cleared a procedural hurdle Monday that bodes well for S. 744's eventual passage at the U.S. Senate either Thursday or Friday.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that the CNMI-specific provision of the now 1,200-page immigration bill has "remained the same."

"I understand the Senate will pass S. 744 this week, Thursday or Friday, with

a huge majority. I expect the Northern Marianas language will remain in its present form when the bill passes the Senate," he told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview.

On Monday, the U.S. Senate voted  
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## 'Dynasty up to 9 payrolls behind'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO  
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Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino employees have yet to receive their paychecks for reportedly up to eight and nine payrolls this week, even as the company opposes the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's decision to implement

what the commission believes is the "correct" tax structure.

For years, Dynasty has been having difficulty making timely payroll but it has been assuring its employees that salaries will be issued when cash becomes available.

It issued some paychecks this week but many have yet to receive at least one

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### ALL-HAZARD TRAINING

A police officer helping a colleague "remove" his protective suit as part of the training that will run until Thursday. Inset shows members of the Department of Public Safety and Commonwealth Ports Authority's Special Operations Group take turn in "decontaminating" their fellow officers while others look on as part of yesterday's all-hazard response training provided by the Guam National Guard on Capital Hill.

## Park maintenance privatization plan may be scrapped

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The House Ways and Means Committee has so far identified some \$200,000 in the governor's proposed fiscal year 2014 budget that could be redistributed among agencies but one of the most contentious issues in the panel deliberation is whether to remove or retain the administration's

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proposed privatization of parks maintenance services, barely three months from now or by Oct. 1.

"There are too many unknown variables," Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

There are barely three months left before the end of fiscal year 2013 yet there is still  
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## Marshall Islands brace for destructive seas

By TIMOTHY POPE  
AUSTRALIA NETWORK NEWS

The Marshall Islands weather service says the capital Majuro could face several days of battering swells after the southern part of the atoll was inundated on Tuesday.

Large swells, combined with an un-  
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## Inos: We don't need an entity like Retirement Fund

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REPORTER

The Inos administration remains opposed to the idea of appointing a receiver for the pension agency but, faced with a court order, it has no choice but to submit a potential nominee for the position, according to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

He also believes that the operation of the Retirement Fund as an entity is not even needed at this point.

"The preference is to resolve the issue [with the Retirement Fund] amicably. If we did that, we don't need a receiver. But to comply with the court request, we will soon submit a name that we feel would be suitable for the assignment,"

Inos said after Friday's proclamation signing at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

For now, Inos said, the administration has to wait for the results of the ongoing settlement negotiation between the Fund, the government, and retirees, the completion of which would depend on the federal judge.

When asked if the government supports the idea of cutting retirees' and members' benefits, Inos said: "These are all subject to settlement negotiations. I can't discuss that [issue]. I am not even looking at that [option] but if that's going to be proposed by the opposing parties, we will talk about it. But right now, I don't know if that idea is even being considered [in the settlement

negotiations."

According to Inos, once a settlement is finalized, the issuance of checks to members can be performed by other agencies and groups, instead of the Fund.

"From my point of view, I don't think we really need to continue the Retirement Fund as an entity. If we resolve this thing, it's only a matter of paying annuities and the Finance Department can do that, banks can do that, trust companies can do that. We don't need an entity like the Fund just to issue the checks," he said.

The court has suspended the implementation of two laws that allow active members to get a refund on their contributions to the Fund. The settlement negotiation is expected

to resolve this issue.

"Until we address that [re-funds] and get that out of the way, we'll never know how much actually we have left [on the Fund portfolio]. We need to talk about that," he said.

Experts have predicted that the Fund, without the infusion of new monies, will last only until March 2014. Its eventual depletion is mainly blamed on the failure of the government and autonomous agencies from paying their share of contributions.

Based on a court judgment issued in previous years, the central government was found to owe the Fund over \$271 million and growing. To date, the Fund has aging collectibles of \$62 million from autonomous agencies, representing unremitted contributions.

## Last day of final settlement conference in Fund lawsuit

The parties in the retiree Betty Johnson's class action against the NMI Retirement Fund and the CNMI government held their second day of final settlement conference in the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday.

Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris flew in to preside over the settlement conference that began Monday.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the sealed conference will continue today, Wednesday.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos personally participated in the settlement proceedings.

The final settlement conference will determine whether there will be settlement or not

in Johnson's class action.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood is expected to hold a status conference today, Wednesday, at 4:45pm.

Tydingco-Gatewood recently stated that if no settlement is reached, she will be ruling on all motions at a marathon hearing. The judge, however, stated that the parties can go back to settlement talks based on her rulings.

One of Johnson's lawyers, Margery Bronster, earlier expressed doubt that a possible second settlement talks will be fruitful if the ongoing discussions fail. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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## External evaluator eyed for NMC mock site visit

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REPORTER

To gauge its success in meeting the recommendations of the accrediting commission, the Northern Marianas College is seeking an evaluator who will conduct a mock site visit to review the institution in relation to its show-cause order.

NMC said yesterday that the mock site visit is in preparation for the upcoming show-cause report due by Oct. 15, 2013, and external evaluation site visit following the submission of the show-cause report.

NMC was placed on show-cause status by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges and is now simultaneously working on its show-cause report and preparing for the actual on-site visit

that will follow.

"Maintaining NMC's accreditation is our top priority, and we want to make sure we are covering all bases," said Amanda Allen, NMC's accreditation liaison officer.

According to Allen, many other institutions have used external evaluators to assess their accreditation visit readiness. Some colleges using similar services include the Guam Community College, Pasadena Community College, and Mt. Jacinto College.

Saipan Tribune learned that the mock site evaluator will work with college representatives in preparing for the kinds of questions and concerns that may be encountered during the actual site visit.

The evaluator will use the ACCJC accreditation standards to

prepare a report for the institution's use, analyzing the adequacy of NMC to meet the ACCJC standards as indicated in the action letter issued in February this year.

Allen said the mock site evaluator will seek to verify quality and integrity and will aim to inspire continuous improvement in institutional performance.

According to an NMC statement, "the task of the mock site evaluator is that of a colleague who shares a commitment to educational excellence by making diagnostic recommendations that improve NMC's ability to meet the commission's accreditation standards, eligibility requirements, and recommendations. The mock site evaluator looks for coherence between what the institution asserts in its show-cause report and mock site visit inter-

views, and what evidence it provides in support of its assertions.

"Leaving no stone unturned, this process will allow for an honest and external assessment of NMC's strengths, weaknesses, and areas of improvement by an

experienced evaluator."

Allen said the college is seeking an evaluator who has previously chaired an ACCJC visiting team and has experience with a governing board in the role as CEO, chancellor, vice president, or equivalent administrative position. The evaluator

must also have recent experience with the creation and development of ACCJC evaluation reports.

Specifications and scope of work can be obtained by email request to mockvisit@nmnet.edu and quotations are due no later than July 9, 4pm, local time.

## Judge acquits 4 defendants in Dandan riot

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho acquitted yesterday all four men accused of beating up a fisherman and assaulting the latter's parents in Dandan in 2011.

After a two-day bench trial, Camacho found Joaquin Sanchez, Don Pangelinan Sanchez Jr., Kelvin Cabrera Sanchez, and John Carlo Guartiano Sanchez not guilty of assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and riot.

Camacho also found Don Sanchez Jr. not guilty of criminal contempt.

Joaquin Sanchez was the first to be cleared of all charges after Camacho granted defense counsel Brien Sers Nicholas' motion for judgment of acquittal.

The Office of the Attorney

General dismissed the assault with a dangerous weapon charge against the defendants last year.

Camacho said the prosecution failed to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt and that the government's witnesses had inconsistent and conflicting testimonies.

The judge noted that the government's witnesses had completely different stories of the event.

Camacho also pointed out several witnesses who stated that the statements in the police reports were not similar to the ones they provided during police interviews.

The OAG called eight witnesses. An Attorney General

Investigation Unit investigator was called as a rebuttal witness. Don Sanchez and a defense witness testified.

Assistant attorney general Chemere McField prosecuted the case. Attorneys Nicholas, Stephen Nutting, assistant public defender Matthew Meyers, and Samuel I. Mok served as counsels for the defendants.

The alleged victim, Domingo Blas Dela Cruz, testified Monday that the four defendants ganged up on him and assaulted his parents near his house in Dandan on Oct. 9, 2011.

Dela Cruz said the incident started when Kelvin Sanchez allegedly shouted profanities at either him or his cousin. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Governor appoints 8 to NCD advisory panel

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed yesterday eight individuals, including Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, to serve as members of the CNMI Non-Communicable Disease Advisory Committee, which implements NCD-related strategies across various sectors of the CNMI.

The eight separate appointments are effective immediately and do not require the Senate's advice and consent.

Inos made the appointments two months after signing an emergency directive that seeks to combat non-communicable diseases in the CNMI.

A non-communicable disease, or NCD, is a medical condition or disease that by definition is non-infectious and non-transmissible among people. NCDs are sometimes called chronic or lifestyle-related diseases. Among the top NCDs on islands are heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic respiratory disease and diabetes.

Besides Hofschneider, also

appointed to the NCD Advisory Committee are the following:

■ Rose Igitol, representing the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association. Igitol is the NMASA secretary-general;

■ Galvin Deleon Guerrero, representing the CNMI Coalition of Private Schools. Deleon Guerrero is principal of Mount Carmel School and president of CPS;

■ Jackie Quitugua, representing the Public School System. Quitugua is PSS associate commissioner of instruction;

■ John Oliver DLR. Gonzales, representing the Marianas Alliance of Non-Government Organizations. Gonzales is executive director of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library;

■ Ruth T. Sablan, representing the CNMI Women, Infants and Children Program;

■ Fr. Ryan Jimenez, representing faith-based organizations. Jimenez is the apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa; and

■ Roxanne Diaz, representing the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Diaz is the direc-

tor of the Division of Public Health Services.

The NCD Advisory Committee is also tasked to initiate an economic impact assessment on NCDs, developing community-wide benchmarks to be followed and tracked over time.

It is also tasked to develop an integrated plan of action for dealing with NCDs in a manner that involves the ownership and participation of the whole society, as well as initiate an NCD surveillance system that looks at providing timely interval data necessary to monitor and manage the crisis and will include monitoring risk factors of NCDs.

The governor, in his June 25 appointment letters, said all government sectors, non-governmental agencies, statutory bodies, and civil society will proactively assist in efforts to address the NCD crisis.

"I am confident that you will be a tremendous asset to this committee. Your willingness to serve our community in this regard is very much appreciated," the governor told the appointees.

## Birthday fundraiser for Hofschneider on July 12

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Friends and supporters of Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider have planned a July 12 post-birthday party and political fundraiser for him, although there is no telling yet which political position he is gunning for when he runs in November 2014.

Some sources said that Hofschneider may seek the Tinian mayor's post or may seek election again as a senator representing Tinian.

Barely a month after becoming president of the 18th Senate, Hofschneider ascended to the lieutenant governor post when then lieutenant governor Eloy S. Inos became governor, following the Feb. 20 resignation of former governor Benigno R. Fitial. In the

17th Senate, Hofschneider was vice president.

Hofschneider, currently on personal leave for family matters, is expected to return next week.

The ticket for his birthday fundraiser is \$50 each.

The July 12 birthday fundraiser will be at the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan Room from 6pm to 10pm, and will feature live music and entertainment.

Fundraiser coordinator Leticia Palacios said yesterday that "a group of the lieutenant governor's friends are working together to throw a birthday party fundraiser for him..."

"We are setting up a special account and any revenue that we will make from this will go toward his next election. We are still working on the specifics though. I would like to be clear

that none of us is working on this during working hours and are all volunteering our time to put on this event for Jude," Palacios told Saipan Tribune.

Anyone interested in buying a ticket could contact Palacios through palaciostisha@gmail.com.

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## TWO PSS EMPLOYEES TESTIFY:

## 'Guard suing Barcinas offered \$5,000 to \$10,000'

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General called to the witness stand yesterday two Public School System employees who testified that the security guard suing Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas for sexual harassment offered them \$5,000 and \$10,000 in exchange for their testimony.

Under questioning by assistant attorney general David Lo-

chabay, PSS bus drivers Johnny Sam and Efen Borja disclosed that Homayan Kabir offered to pay \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively for them to testify against Barcinas.

Both Sam and Borja stated that they believe that Kabir was lying and only made up the story that Barcinas made sexual advances on him when Barcinas was still principal of Dandan Elementary School.

Sam claimed he secretly recorded a conversation he

had with Kabir. In that taped conversation, Sam said he asked Kabir about his earlier \$10,000 offer.

Kabir, however, reportedly stated that his lawyer told him that they cannot do that because they cannot win the case.

On cross-examination, Kabir's lawyer, Joseph Horey, asked whether Kabir told him that he does not want a lie. Sam said he did not hear Kabir say that to him.

Horey then asked Lochabay

to hand him Sam's recorded conversation and played a portion of it in court. In the tape, a voice, later identified as Kabir, states that he does not want lies.

Sam recalled that Kabir had gone to their bus station, looking for a certain employee, and subsequently told him a sexual harassment incident involving him and Barcinas.

The bus driver said he told Kabir he does not believe him.

Sam said Kabir told him he would pay \$5,000 if Sam knows someone who would testify against Barcinas.

Later, Kabor allegedly of-

fered to give him \$10,000 to testify against Barcinas.

He said Kabir called him the next day so he told him he would think about it.

Believing that Kabor was lying, Sam said he came up with the idea to secretly record their next meeting.

Sam said that at the next meeting, Kabir told him, among other things, that his lawyer stated that they could not offer money because they would not win the case.

The other witness, Borja, also disclosed that Kabir went to his house and offered \$5,000 in exchange for his testimony against Barcinas.

Borja said he asked Kabir why he is offering \$5,000 when he offered \$10,000 to Sam.

Borja said he believes the guard was lying about allegations against Barcinas based on his demeanor.

The evidentiary hearing will continue this morning, Wednesday.

## Man arrested for allegedly stalking ex-girlfriend

Police arrested last week a 32-year-old man for allegedly stalking a former girlfriend who had obtained a temporary restraining order against him.

Mark Anthony Gerardino was taken to Superior Court on Monday on charges of stalking in the first degree, contempt of court, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Police detective Norman L. Skilling stated in his report that the alleged victim and her current boyfriend went to the Department of Public Safety on Saturday to file a complaint against Gerardino.

The alleged victim showed a police officer a TRO issued by Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo against the defendant on April 12, 2013.

The former girlfriend told police that she was at a friend's house in Chalan Kanoa on Thursday, June 20, when Gerardino arrived.

The woman said that Gerardino grabbed her arms. She told him that he is not supposed to be within 200 feet of her but the defendant insisted that he just wants to talk to her. She refused and managed to pull away.

The defendant then left.

The former girlfriend disclosed that Gerardino still calls her and even follows her wherever she goes.

Although he has already been warned by his third party custodian about the TRO, Gerardino allegedly would not listen, saying he does not want to be alone and that she belongs to him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## MARSHALL

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usually high tide brought on by this week's "supermoon" have damaged many homes on the southern side of the atoll.

Locals say the waves passed straight over the atoll in some places and into the lagoon on the other side.

Reggie White, head meteorologist at the Majuro Weather Service, says waves reached around two-and-a-half meters.

"This morning was the highest tide for this particular moon phase," he said.

White says this week's supermoon also played a part.

"Normally you wouldn't worry about a supermoon," he said. "There's got to be an event that coincides with it and this was the high surf."

White says the conditions could persist until Thursday and it is one of the more destructive tides he has seen on the atoll.

The weather service has issued a warning to residents on the southern side of the island to

be ready to protect their homes.

Majuro resident Provan Crump says the wave broke down one wall of his house in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

"I'm right on the ocean and it broke down my wall and we had water coming into the house at about five o'clock," he said.

"I reckon one wave put about a ton of water inside the house when it broke down the wall."

Crump says he's seen extensive damage and debris elsewhere on the island.

"There's a lot of rubbish washed half way through the

island and in some places you could see the wave action had gone right across the island and into the lagoon," he said.

He says residents are all watching the swell in readiness for the next high tides.

"We'll be battenning down the hatches and hoping for the best... that nothing else gets too badly damaged on the island," he said.

"The tides are a little bit lower, the swell might be a little bit smaller but it's still big enough that it will be coming up over the island again."

## PARK

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no request for proposal issued in connection with the privatization of parks maintenance service in 2014 and no concrete plan on the employment of some 25 employees at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Recreation.

Moreover, he said the lack of proper maintenance of parks will be detrimental to the tourism industry, which is now on the upswing.

"There is a significant function related to tourism that will be affected. We want to make sure there will be no disruption of parks maintenance service beginning Oct. 1," Sablan said.

He said the government may have to delay its parks maintenance privatization plan by a year.

"But nothing is final yet. The committee continues to deliber-

ate on the budget before we pre-file a budget bill," he added.

Sablan himself is "not comfortable" with the plan to privatize the maintenance of parks, not only because there's only about three months left but there is still no "concrete plan" how to go about it.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said the proposed privatization of the Division of Parks and Recreation "is still a work in progress."

"At this time, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is working closely with the Office of the Attorney General to come up with a comprehensive plan that will address all areas of this proposal. Once this plan has been completed, the administration will be able to move forward with the next stage of privatization. This will include the plan for the current employees and the issuance of a request for proposal," Demapan told

*Saipan Tribune.*

The governor's proposed \$123.4 million for fiscal year 2014 privatizes the Division of Parks and Recreation's functions by outsourcing grounds maintenance services for all parks and recreational areas.

In his proposed budget transmission to the Legislature, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said employees affected are encouraged to become entrepreneurs who will have an opportunity to participate in competitive solicitations to perform grounds maintenance services as part of the Tourism Task Force Initiatives to keep the CNMI well-manicured.

Based on the budget submission, the division's budget for personnel is "zeroed out" for 2014, but its "all others" is at over \$468,000, a reduction of over \$146,000 from the current level.

The House Ways and Means Committee chairman also said yesterday that the panel is con-

sidering giving the Judiciary more than what the administration proposes, among other agencies.

The ommittee's budget deliberations will continue through today, or through Friday if necessary.

Sablan said the Ways and Means Committee's goal is to pre-file a budget bill next week.

Inos, meanwhile, said the proposed \$123.4 million budget for 2014 will "very likely" be revised to add more millions as revenues continue to go up. The governor has until July 31 to revise his budget submission to the Legislature.

But Sablan said until the Ways and Means Committee or the House receives any such formal communication from the governor about a revised budget submission, they will be working on a \$123.4 million budget ceiling.

Fiscal year 2014 is from Oct. 1, 2013, to Sept. 30, 2014.

## IMMIGRATION

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67 to 27 to clear the way for an amendment adding border security provisions to the comprehensive immigration reform bill.

The vote exceeded the threshold necessary to move forward but falling short of the 70 votes that some supporters had hoped it might earn.

The vote was one of just a final few steps left before the Senate is expected to give final approval to the bipartisan bill later this week.

Sablan said yesterday that the U.S. House of Representatives' Gang of Seven is also trying to roll out an immigration reform legislation.

"I expect a Northern Marianas language in that too," he added.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), a former CNMI immigration director, separately said yesterday that any step forward on the national immigration bill is an "encouragement."

Fifteen U.S. Senate Republicans voted with 52 members of the Senate's Democratic caucus in support of the border security plan, which calls for doubling the size of the U.S. Border Patrol to about 40,000 agents, the completion of 700 miles of fencing along the southern border, and the expanded use of radar and unmanned aerial drones.

Section 1116 allows agents the power to enter private land and stop vehicles without a warrant at the northern border.

Florida-based human rights activist and former CNMI teacher Wendy Doromal said the amendment actually does

more than boost border security.

"In fact, one provision calls for taking back any social security dollars that undocumented immigrants put into the system from 2004 to 2014. In other words, if these people do gain legal status, they will not be given credit for the quarters that they worked if they cannot prove that they had a legal status during that period," she said.

Doromal said that Monday's procedural vote where the senators voted to end debate to advance the border security amendment was considered a sign that the entire immigration bill will pass the Senate on Thursday or Friday this week.

S. 744's main thrust is to provide a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in America.

And the bill has a CNMI-specific provision that would allow long-term foreigners to apply for a CNMI-only status within months of the bill's enactment. Those covered include legal foreign workers who have been in the CNMI since at least 2003, and those with U.S. citizen children regardless of the age of the children.

After an additional five-year waiting period, these aliens can start applying for U.S. permanent residence status or "green card," a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

This comes a year-and-a-half before the temporary Commonwealth-only worker or CW program ends on Dec. 31, 2014, unless extended.

If the CW program expires that date, the tourism-based CNMI economy would lose access to most of the 12,000 foreign workers because many of them won't qualify for H visas, among other things.

## DYNASTY

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of the up to nine paychecks due them.

"Despite the delayed wages, we continue to work with Dynasty because we love our job and it's better than losing our job," one of the affected employees told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Tinian municipal employees also face another payless payday this Friday as local gaming tax payment from Dynasty is not expected to flow in until at least July 7.

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is one of the biggest private employers on Tinian and is the only one on the island that offers five-star hotel and casino.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) confirmed yesterday that

Dynasty is opposing the casino commission's recent action on tax structure and rebate.

"We have to choose whether to help Dynasty remain in business or we implement a tax structure that would make it harder for Dynasty to survive. That is the issue now, and I believe there will be a hearing on that issue soon. Other than that, I cannot comment on this matter," he said.

For several years and as a result of decisions by previous Casino Commission members, they allowed Dynasty to deduct its portion of the rebate from its revenues before the commission could tax the revenues, sources said.

As a result, the Casino Commission or the Tinian municipality is getting much lesser in taxes from Dynasty's casino revenue than what it should

have been collecting, the sources added.

When sought for comment, the Casino Commission said yesterday there will be a hearing on casino taxes in the weeks ahead, and the commission will make an announcement about this hearing soon.

Dynasty management has yet to respond to media questions about the matter.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, meanwhile, said yesterday he would like to raise the issue again of revisiting the Tinian Gaming Act, specifically the tax structure provision, "to make Tinian more competitive in the region."

"If we could consider having a two-tier tax instead of one level of taxation. Maybe we could consider making amendments to the Tinian Gaming Act, make them more at par with other



## Inos: No approval yet on \$96K salary for CHC's Muña

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

Although there's a recommendation to increase the salary of Esther Muña, the Commonwealth Health Center's interim chief executive officer, Gov. Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that his office has yet to decide on the issue.

"Right now, Ms. Muna is serving an interim position at the request of the board. I believe the board wanted to maintain this status because she's doing a great job. [In terms of her salary] I haven't come to that

point yet, but you do realize that Ms. Muña is serving an interim position?" he said.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board earlier proposed to the governor that Muña's salary be adjusted after her appointment as interim corporation chief in April.

Muña is currently receiving \$85,000 per annum. The board wants this increased to \$96,000—the same amount paid to Muña's predecessor, former governor Juan N. Babauta, who was fired early this year.

Inos also said yesterday that

it's not yet definite if the government will hire a permanent hospital CEO from outside the Commonwealth.

This decision, he said, may be reached once the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is done with its resurvey of the hospital.

The corporation expects a team from the federal agency to visit the hospital soon to validate the plan of corrections the hospital submitted in response

to many deficiencies the team identified in a prior visit.

Once the hospital resolves all CMMS citations, Inos said his office will then review the issue of hiring a permanent CEO.

"Once we get out of these citations, then we will take a look and do some reviews. [From there] we will make a decision as to the fate of the position [of CEO], if we will fill it from outside or within [the organization]," he said.

**» 'Wait for result of CMMS survey before deciding on permanent CEO'**

Inos is optimistic that the hospital resurvey will show positive results. He lauded Muña for the hospital's many improvements that he believes will bring good results for the facility.

The governor also applauded Muña's idea to tap the services of retired nurses on island for the hospital.

"We have local residents who have been in the nursing profession and are retired. These folks are willing and able to perform the job. Maybe they can form a corp of retired nurses through a nonprofit organization and the [corporation] could have an agreement with that group so that whenever there's a need,

they can tap the resources of this organization. I commend the interim CEO for looking at alternative ways to ensure the delivery of healthcare," said Inos.

The CHCC board earlier disclosed that the governor's office had vowed to shoulder for at least a year the salary of a permanent CEO and CFO, using the governor's discretionary funds.

Since the hospital first issued its vacancy announcement for a CEO, several off-island candidates have expressed interest but, according to the board, most are seeking a high salary and the corporation may not be able to afford it.

## CPA bares status of 13 ongoing airport projects

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority bared that it has a total of 13 airport projects on three islands, all of which are ongoing and on track with their target completion dates.

It was disclosed at a recent board meeting that six of these projects are at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport; four are at the Rota International Airport; and three are at the Tinian International Airport.

Most of these undertakings are funded by the Federal Aviation Administration under its Airport Improvement Program that regularly provides CPA millions of dollars to enhance

the islands' airports.

One of the biggest projects at the Saipan airport is the rehabilitation of the main runway, which is targeted to be completed and operational within the year. Costing a little over \$30 million as of early this year and fully funded by the FAA, this project includes rehabilitation of the main runway, narrowing the runway width from 200 feet to 150 feet, relocation of the runway lights, and restoration of runway 6/24 back to a parallel taxiway, among others. The CPA board was informed that the project is nearing its final stages.

Another project is the restroom and water improvement, which consists of renovating all

public restrooms at the terminal and upgrading the water pump system, pump house, and hydro-pneumatic water tank. *Saipan Tribune* learned that the design for the restrooms is being finalized and a notice to proceed was issued in February.

The drainage and air-conditioning system improvement is also ongoing. This project will address the flooding and leaks at the airport processing and holding areas and will correct the drainage system on the roof. It was reported that a constructability review of the final plans and specifications have been completed and submitted to the designer. Advertising for bids is scheduled within this month.

CPA is also working on the final notice to proceed with the project to upgrade its firefighting division. The notice will be issued upon completion of the final design. This project includes rehabilitating the ARFF mockup aircraft, building a two-storey structure for training, and a new control tower, among others.

The lighting system that provides vertical guidance for aircraft on final approach to Runway 25 will also be upgraded. CPA will advertise for construction management services once the additional funding is allocated.

The sixth project for the Saipan airport is the procurement of a 1,500-gallon firefighting vehicle, which is awaiting FAA funding.

### Rota projects

The four airport projects on Rota include extending the airline offices on the departure side to accommodate additional airlines. CPA will solicit proposals from construction firms to do the work once the constructability review is completed.

Another project is the 1,000-foot extension repainting project, which is required by FAA.

The FAA's approval is also being sought on a 1,500-gallon firefighting vehicle for the airport.

The fourth project is the repair of roof leaks and CPA will soon advertise for architectural and engineering services.

### Tinian projects

On Tinian, the three ongoing projects are the relocation of

the ARFF building to ensure that the department will meet the response time FAA requires. Funding approval is being sought.

Another project is the improvement at the terminal, which will be funded by capital improvement project monies. This involves renovating the terminal, including doors, windows, painting, and roof repairs, among others. Advertising for bid is slated this month.

The FAA's approval is also being sought on a 1,500-gallon firefighting vehicle.

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**What is the H.O.M.E. Visiting Program?**

- The H.O.M.E. Visiting Program is an acronym for Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood. The program sets out to improve the health and developmental outcomes for pregnant mothers and infants no older than 3 months of age who reside in at risk communities.

**What is the purpose for this program?**

- To strengthen the early childhood system in the community and to support families and communities in the development of children who are healthy and ready to learn at school entry. The program wants to also strengthen and enhance initiatives/activities, expand and improve coordination, and assure the provision of comprehensive services for families who reside in at risk communities.

**What are the program objectives?**

- Promote and maintain positive-child interaction and family involvement
- Provide and connect families to appropriate resources
- Protect and improve the health, growth and development of every participant served
- Produce and deliver quality service to families in at-risk communities

**What Services are provided?**

- Prenatal Care
- Well Baby Check Ups
- Update Immunization
- Parent - Child Educational Curriculum
- Referrals
- Transportation

**How can I qualify?**

- You are currently pregnant
- You have an infant no older than 3 months of age
- Reside in Kagman, Koblerville or San Antonio

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Deadline for submission is July 10, 2013.  
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\*Please note that office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday - Friday.



# Joeten awards \$5K scholarships to 5 high school students



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Four scholars of the Joeten Charitable Foundation show the \$1,000 checks they received yesterday during a turnover ceremony inside the JCT conference room at the Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe. From left, Joeten buyer J.J. Tenorio, JCT operations manager Darlene Macaranas, Marianas Baptist Academy's Kristine Joy Leynes, Kagman High School's Peter Paul Camacho and Janica Q. Lizama, Mount Carmel School's Alyssa Ashley Olarte, Joeten Wholesale manager Clarence Tenorio Jr., and Bo Palacios.

In its continuing efforts to help student-achievers reach their goals, Joeten Charitable Foundation presented \$5,000 worth of scholarships yesterday to five high students in a brief ceremony at the Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe.

Kagman High School's Peter Paul Camacho and Janica Q. Lizama, Mount Carmel School's Alyssa Ashley Olarte, and Marianas Baptist Academy's Kristine Joy Leynes were personally awarded \$1,000 scholarships each. A fifth scholar, Yu June Lee of Marianas High School, was not present at the ceremony.

Joeten Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of the Joeten Group of Companies, was represented during the check turnover ceremony by Bo Palacios, Joeten Wholesale manager Clarence Tenorio Jr., JCT buyer J.J. Tenorio, and JCT operations manager Darlene Macaranas.

Palacios said it's truly an

honor to continue what his grandfather, Jose Tenorio, started when he began helping CNMI students some 30 years ago.

The company's scholarship grants became official in 1994 with the establishment of the Joeten Charitable Foundation and Palacios said he is proud that the number of students benefiting from the program has increased from two to four several years ago to five in 2013.

He said the \$5,000 donation for the education of the five college-bound students will go a long way in ensuring that the Commonwealth will continue to have capable leaders in the future.

Even though \$1,000 apiece may not sound a lot, Palacios said it could still help in the students' book, lodging, tuition, and food expenses.

Leynes, who will be taking up biochemistry at San Diego University this coming school year, said the \$1,000 scholarship will come handy for her college education.

Camacho, meanwhile, said he will immediately cash his check and deposit the money with the University of Washington where he will be taking up political science "because my school is very expensive."

Lizama thanked Joeten for the scholarship money she re-

ceived and promised it will be put to good use at the Northern Marianas College where she will be taking up special education.

Olarte also extended her gratitude to Joeten and vowed she will make them proud. She is an incoming double major (liberal arts and hospital management) at NMC. Aside from Olarte who is 17 years old, the other three scholars are 18 years old.

Palacios said applicants to the scholarship had to submit an essay, their transcript, and SAT scores. Applications were then reviewed by the foundation board, which decides on the beneficiaries. *(Saipan Tribune)*

## Saipan Awaodori to take part in LibDay parade

The Saipan Awaodori Team will take part in the 2013 Liberation Day parade on July 4 along Beach Road.

Aside from the Saipan Awaodori Team, PDM Promoters Inc. also invited several members of the Tokyo Tensuien group to join the parade, said coordinator Sonia Awa.

Liberation Day committee chair Vicente Camacho said the parade will start at 10am

and will start from Gualo Rai and end at the Liberation Day grounds at the Civic Center in Susupe.

PDM Promoters is the mother organization of the Saipan Awaodori Team, a Japanese cultural dance group. It has more than 40 members ranging in ages from 6 to 17 years old.

The Saipan Awaodori Team is actually a branch of the Tokyo Tensuien Team from

Koenji, Tokyo.

Awa said they have been sending Commonwealth children to Japan in the last five years to perform and dance with the Tokyo Tensuien group at the Awaodori Festival in Koenji every August.

This year, the Saipan Awaodori Team will be sending six children to Japan for the festival.

In its eighth year of existence, PDM Promoters is known for its monthly cleanup within the Garapan tourist area. Its CEO and director is Misako Kamata.

Aside from the cleanup, PDM Promoters' other activities include the Christmas Tree decoration contest among elementary schools on Saipan using recycled materials, the drawing contest among elementary students on Rota and Tinian, and the staging of the annual Mochitsuki Festival, which is a Japanese tradition of pounding rice cake to welcome the New Year. *(Saipan Tribune)*



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### PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF INTEROPERABLE PORTABLE RADIOS ACCESSORIES AND BASE STATION

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-009-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposal for the procurement and delivery of interoperable radios, accessories and base station for its Seaport Operation.

The location and scope of work package is available beginning June 24, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Procurement and Delivery of Interoperable Portable Radios, Accessories, and Base Station-CPA-RFP-009-13." One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, July 29, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

Funding for this procurement is made possible by the 2011 Port Security Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ BENIGNO M. SABLAN  
Acting Chairman/Contracting Officer



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#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REPROGRAMMING OF EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS

Program Year	Program	Activity Name	Activity Status	Amount from Program	Reprogram to
2008	Emergency Shelter Grant	DYS Essential Services	Ongoing	\$4,314.86	
2008	Emergency Shelter Grant	DYS Shelter Renovations	Ongoing	\$9,900.00	
2009	Emergency Shelter Grant	DYS Essential Services	Ongoing	\$4,713.30	
2008	Emergency Shelter Grant	DYS Operational Cost	Ongoing		\$14,214.86
2009	Emergency Shelter Grant	DYS Operational Cost	Ongoing		\$4,713.30
<b>Total:</b>				<b>\$18,928.16</b>	<b>\$18,928.16</b>

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., July 26, 2013, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP, 96950. Oral Comments may be relayed to Zenie P. Mafnas, at telephone number (670) 234-6866, 7679, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to submit comments may also contact Zenie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director



### PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2013-CDA-03-RFP

Submission Date: July 10, 2013 • Time: 10:00 a.m.

#### "FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014 FOR CDA AND NMHC"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MANUELA, SABLAN  
Executive Director

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director P&S



# Loan assistance program for small businesses nearly ready

The Department of Commerce and the Commonwealth Development Authority jointly announced yesterday the completion of the long awaited SSBCI contractual agreement between Commerce and the program’s underwriter, Michigan Economic Development Corp.

The U.S. Treasury allocated \$13 million to the CNMI through the State Small Business Credit Initiative for the Collateral Support and Loan Purchase Participation programs.

Under the SSBCI program, Commerce is the authorized representative to implement the program in the CNMI, while CDA and MEDC provide administrative support via program implementation

and third party loan underwriter, respectively.

“I’m pleased that the SSBCI program is ready to roll-out and provide marginal increase, if not relatively substantial, on our sluggish economic multipliers—for both backward and forward indirect impacts,” said Gov. Eloy S. Inos. “An immediate \$4 million infusion, followed by the remainder out of \$13 million, is projected to act as a catalyst to give out, rotate, or revolve a minimum of \$130 million within the next five years.”

MEDC plays an important role in the administrative support processes and with it on board, the formula is close to completion as CDA is finalizing the financial institution

commitments.

“There are bankable business ideas out there, but lack of capital is a barrier to bring those entrepreneurial ideas to fruition. The program intends to resolve that,” added Inos. “Talk to your banks.”

Under the Collateral Support, if a qualified borrower is short on collateral, the program is able to provide funding of up to 40 percent of the shortfall in cash to the bank. For example, if Borrower A applies for a loan of \$100,000 from a bank but the bank needs at least 40 percent collateral and the borrower is unable to provide the amount, then the Collateral Support Program has the flexibility to kick in that 40 percent or \$40,000 shortage in cash as

collateral support.

For the Loan Purchase Participation Program, if Borrower B applies for a loan of \$100,000 and the bank wants to book this loan under the SSBCI program, the program has the flexibility to purchase up to 50 percent or \$50,000 of that loan in cash.

“Along with the participating lending institutions, we are ready to implement this important program. This is a win-win situation for borrowers, the banks, and the government’s efforts to stimulate economic and job growth,” said Commonwealth Development Authority director Manuel Sablan.

“Although Commerce over-seas the SSBCI program for the CNMI, credit should be given to the entire CNMI team, which

includes the Department of Finance, CDA, the Governor’s Office, and the Office of Grants Management, for providing all the necessary support,” said Commerce Secretary Sixto K. Igisomar. “Our role on the government’s side is on the overall policy and compliance of the program, and giving CDA full support in the grant implementation, within guidelines, and to make sure we do not hinder or delay any release of funds to qualified loan applicants through their respective participating financial institutions. Finance and Commerce assured the administration that this program is with highest priority, and for OGM, Commerce, and Finance to work together with CDA to ensure timely flow of cash disbursements.”

OGM administrator Sheryl Sizemore said their office can

only do so much but what is important now is for the financial institutions and banks to work with CDA to make this a success for the CNMI.

“We will continue to strive to do our best, and we hope the other key stakeholders in this program like the banks, actually come on board and help us in getting these funds out. We can only locate and manage the funds, but the banks’ participation to provide this opportunity to the business community is key,” said Sizemore.

The OGM, through an MOU with Commerce, forged a partnership to help Commerce on all federal grant management for compliance and support, which includes the SSBCI program, the Broadband grant, and the Food & Drugs Administration grant, among others. *(Office of the Governor)*

# DPS officers to join campaign vs drunk boating

In line with the National Safe Boating Campaign for Operation Dry Water, the Department of Public Safety’s Boating Safety Section will be in full force this coming weekend conducting inspections, concession site visits/compliance checks, shore patrol and lagoon enforcement activities.

With boating under the influence continuing to be a major factor in accidents and deaths on the nation’s waterways, thousands of officers with local, state, and federal agencies will again team up for Operation

Dry Water in a coordinated effort to be on the water providing heightened enforcement and awareness about the dangers of boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Operation Dry Water 2013 is June 28-30, just before the Fourth of July, a holiday known for drinking and boating and deadly accidents. Operation Dry Water is a nationwide education and enforcement initiative launched by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, in partnership with the

U.S. Coast Guard.

Since the launch of Operation Dry Water in 2009, the percentage of boating fatalities with alcohol listed as a contributing factor has decreased from 19 percent to 17 percent in the United States. Despite the decrease, BUI still accounts for a disproportional number of on-the-water deaths. In 2011, alcohol was a contributing factor in just 8 percent of boating accidents overall, but figured in 17 percent of boating fatalities.

In 2012, 51 states and U.S.

territories participated in Operation Dry Water. More than 4,500 officers from 505 local, state, and federal agencies participated in 72 hours of heightened BUI enforcement. Officers were able to remove 337 BUI operators from the water while issuing an additional 14,514 boating safety citations and warnings. In addition, law enforcement officers made contact with over 113,000 boaters concerning BUI or boating safety enforcement and awareness. From 2009 to 2012 over 1,200 BUI operators have been removed from the water and over 313,500

boaters have been contacted by a law enforcement officer during the Operation Dry Water weekends.

In 2013 NASBLA’s Operation Dry Water received the national Horizon Award, from the National Safe Boating Council, for the campaign’s dedication to moving the cause of recreational boating safety to a new level. The campaign was also recognized for its encouragement to boaters to take a pledge to make wise decisions about alcohol use, and to NEVER drink while boating.

Toby Velasquez, NASBLA president, says, “Operation Dry

Water has proven to be a successful campaign. I encourage every local, state and federal agency tasked with boating law enforcement to participate in this worthwhile BUI enforcement and awareness effort.”

Officers from all 56 U.S. states, trusts and territories are expected to participate in Operation Dry Water 2013 by educating the public and providing heightened BUI enforcement for the safety of those operating a vessel as well as other boaters on the water.

For more information on this annual event, visit operationdrywater.org. *(DPS)*



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP13-GOV-137

#### Architectural & Engineering Design Services for the Tinian Transfer Station

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Repairs Renovation and Improvements of the Tinian Health Center, San Jose Village, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-305.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on June 25, 2013 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be presented when obtaining the package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on at the Governor’s Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on July 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Governor’s Conference Room. The project completion time for this project is 150 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager at fax no. (670) 664-2408 or via email at balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than Thursday, July 18, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another proposal. However, subconsultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked by July 25, 2013. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than July 25, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 4:30 p.m., July 25, 2013, local time, and maybe submitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than July 25, 2013 AND must be received no later than August 2, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ROTA LANDFILL RFP13-GOV-136

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, “Commonwealth”) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Design Services for the Rota Landfill. This project is located at Tatagchog on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill project package and scope of work will be available on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at the Governor’s CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at the Governor’s Office conference room, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com or facsimile to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST, July 10, 2013.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a project approach and a schedule of completion, addressing the scope of work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified and experiences of the responsible individuals of the team. The total proposal length shall not exceed 25 pages in length. Note, a firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects                         | 25% |
| 2. Project Approach  | 25% |
| 3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame | 25% |
| 4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects             | 25% |

Performance time for completion of the A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) Two Hundred Dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **RFP13-GOV-136 A&E Design Services for the Rota Landfill**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, July 18, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, July 18, 2013 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, July 18, 2013, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 29, 2013. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan  
Director of Procurement & Supply



# In seventh heaven with Baba B



SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Baba B gave island music fans a lot to be happy about during his two-day concert at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan last Sunday and Monday.

Island reggae aficionados got the time of their lives when Baba B blew into town for a two-day concert at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan beachside last Sunday and Monday.

With Guam's Higher Ground serving as the front act and then later jamming with the Waianae, Hawaii native who now calls Las Vegas his home, local fans and tourists alike reminisced and danced to Baba B's signature songs.

Event sponsor Marpac, which is celebrating its 40th year anniversary on island, also got a free plug from Baba B when he sang a Budweiser song that saw a member of the audience sashaying to the front and gyrating in a sort of tribute to his favorite beer.

Baba B began the evening by encouraging the seated crowd to join him in front of the stage and

dance. When no one obliged, he deadpanned, "Something's wrong here when I'm the fattest man on the beach and I'm the one standing"

That did it, with several die-hard fans running to the front and dancing island-style to Baba B's soothing and relaxing brand of island reggae that matched the glow of the evening's moonlight.

In an interview with the *Saipan Tribune* before the finale of his two-day concert Monday, Baba B said this is his seventh time to perform on Saipan.

He said he loves the island so much and has made friends left and right since he first came here in 1999. He also makes it a point to book a performance on Saipan whenever he has a concert in Guam.

For the record, Baba B per-

formed on Saipan in 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, and this year.

"I make it a point to come here every two years," he said.

Aside from the warm and friendly people, Baba B also loves coming back to Saipan because of the island's delicious food.

He also took the opportunity to promote his new album, which he recorded earlier in the year following a six-year hiatus from the music industry. He later revealed that he took a break after getting married and having kids.

Titled *All My Life*, the album includes the singles *All My Life*, *Rock With You*, *Should We Cry*, *Candy*, and *High*—all composed by Baba B himself.

Baba B shot to island reggae fame in 1997 with the release of his debut album, *Big Boy In Love*. He also enjoyed similar success with his second album, *Local Boy*, in 1999.

Since then he has churned out island reggae hits not only to the delight of his fans in Hawaii but also across the Pacific, where the genre is king.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, a good friend of Baba B, said he

had good time Monday night.

"Nice concert. Thanks to Baba B and Budweiser for bringing him in. It was very, very entertaining. Again, thanks to Budweiser and Marpac," he said.

Power 99 DJ Dice got a cameo of sorts when Baba B invited her up on stage and asked that she introduce him.

"I had a great time. Baba B and his band members were all incredible. The audience enjoyed his performance as always. Baba B is one great big dude with a heart just as large when it comes to his music. I'm always nervous to be on stage let alone with someone as extreme as Baba B. Great night, great friends, great concert," said DJ Dice.

For Sadog Tasi resident Marissa Flores, the whole evening was simply perfect. "Good times. Food friends. Cheers to more good music underneath the moonlight!" she said.

"Baba B Live on Saipan" was made possible by MarPac, Docomo Pacific, Hertz Rent-A-Car, IP&E, and at Pacific Islands Club Saipan. (*Saipan Tribune*)

## CUC sets power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power interruption on Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 8:30am to 11:30am.

The purpose of the interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace two rotted power poles in front of the Pacific Medical Center and near the Gualo Rai traffic lights.

Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored after the power is re-energized.

Areas that will be affected are Upper China Town/Sugar King Rd. (Saina Pl., Freedom Dr., Convention Pl., Justice Pl., Politic Ln., Conventant Ln., Village Ln., Komiti Av., Matsue St., Judge Wy.), Com-

monwealth Dr. (Nimitz Ln., Linao Ln., Legislature Ln., World War Two Ln., Uruwow Ln., Congress Ln., Secretary Ln.), Chalan Pale Arnold (Okina-nawa Ln., Bokungo Ln., Japon Dr., Carter Drive, Alemana Pl., Spoehr Pl.), Gualo Rai/Gualo Rai Rd. (Robat Drive, Isley Pl., United Nations Ln., Earhart Drive, Constitution Pl., Treaty Ln., Mac Arthur Dr., Historia Pl., Towers Ln., Rai Dr., Liberation Ln., Veteran Dr., Matua Ln.) and CUC water wells GR-4, GR-5, GR-151, and GR-154.

Because of the scale of the work that will be performed, CUC urges travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. (*CUC*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 26, 2005

### Reyes backs increasing public employees' share

Describing the current retirement contribution system as "very lopsided," a Retirement Fund official is inclined to favor reducing the government's share, while increasing the employees' share of retirement contributions. "It's wrong math. If you take the entire government's budget of \$213 million, 24 percent [\$35 to \$40 million] of the entire personnel costs, which is at least 70 to 75 percent [of the total budget], goes to the retirement payment. It simply means that the government is very generous. It pays a lot for members' retirement," said Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes.

### Bilingual confab pushes for expanded program

The 24th Annual Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association Conference for 2005 ended last Friday with participants from several Pacific countries outlining strategies for the expanded promotion of bilingual and bicultural policies in their respective jurisdictions. More than 70 public school teachers from Guam, Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, American Samoa, Chuuk, Kosrae, Rota, Tinian and Saipan attended the five-day conference, which had the theme "Language and Culture: To Survive or Not To Survive?" Cecilia Wase, a teacher from the Majuro Elementary School in Marshall Islands, said the republic sent a total of 15 delegates to the conference.

June 26, 2006

### Unpaid tax rebates total \$8M

The CNMI government is behind by at least \$8 million in the payment of fiscal year 2004 tax rebates, according to Finance Secretary Eloy S. Inos. In the governor's weekly press conference Friday, Inos reported that the amount was down from the estimated \$15 million of unpaid rebates that were unpaid when the Fitial administration stepped in almost half a year ago. He expressed hope that the Finance Department would be able to catch up and get the rest of the FY2004 rebates released before the end of the fiscal year.

### Govt funding to be issued on piecemeal basis

Owing to the government's \$32 million budget shortfall projection, funding for public programs would be issued on a piecemeal basis during the last quarter of the fiscal year, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced Friday. The governor said he had instructed the Office of Management and Budget to issue allotment notice to each government agency on a monthly basis, rather than on the usual quarterly basis, from July to September 2006. "We can't issue a quarterly allotment advice if we don't have the money to cover the entire quarter," Fitial said. Antonio Muna, the governor's special assistant for management and budget, said that the monthly allotment advice was expected to affect government operations within and outside of the Executive Branch.

June 26, 2007

### April hotel occupancy lowest since '92

Hotel occupancy in April and May were the lowest since 1992, due in large part to the roller-coaster changes in air service to the Northern Marianas, according to information provided by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands this week. Average hotel occupancy from HANMI members was 49 percent in April, while May numbers showed an average occupancy of 53 percent for the month. The low occupancy is a direct reflection of the reduction in air seats out of Japan. The average room rate for hotels was as challenging as the occupancy numbers. March, April and May of 2007 reported average room rates of less than \$90 per room. Ten years ago, the average room rate was \$136 for the same period. This represents a \$46 per room drop in rates.

### Renewal of lobbyist contract hangs fire

The Fitial administration's contract with its D.C. consultant is nearing its end, but it remains unclear whether the firm will remain on the local government's payroll. Oldaker, Biden & Belair was hired to block U.S. legislation federalizing the local minimum wage and immigration. It is paid \$90,000, plus approved expenses, for a six-month period ending on Monday, July 9, 2007. However, press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said yesterday he was not sure whether the governor intends to renew the contract.

## Delay in Taylor's lawsuit vs Buckingham OK'd

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has allowed a delay in the hearing on a motion to dismiss a former CNMI government lawyer's age discrimination lawsuit against former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham.

Manglona moved the hearing on the motion to dismiss to Aug. 1, 2013, instead of June 27, 2013.

Former assistant attorney general James William Taylor and Buckingham's co-defendants, the CNMI government and the Office of the Attorney General, agreed to postpone the hearing.

The request to move the hearing did not indicate a reason.

Buckingham also asked the court to dismiss Taylor's lawsuit and award him attorney's fees and court costs. He demanded jury trial on all issues.

In his defenses, Buckingham asserted, among other things, that Taylor's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because they

were not timely filed.

In the OAG's motion to dismiss, assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel asserted, among other things, that Taylor had not stated sufficient facts to support his Age Discrimination in Employment Act claim as his complaint alleges that cost savings, rather than age, motivated the alleged adverse action.

The government lawyer conceded that Taylor's resignation was involuntary and was, in fact, a discharge.

Taylor, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, filed the lawsuit last month against Buckingham, the CNMI government, and the OAG.

Taylor claimed that Buckingham fired him in 2011 without following proper procedures to save on cost and in retaliation for his advice against the approval of some sole-source contracts.

Taylor is a citizen of the state of Washington. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



# Navy commands hold sexual assault stand-down

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**ASAN, Guam**—Sailors, airmen, and civilian personnel from Joint Region Marianas attended a sexual assault stand-down hosted by command senior leadership at the JRM headquarters in Asan, Guam, on June 21.

As part of a Department of Defense-wide initiative to eliminate sexual assault, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus directed a mandatory sexual assault prevention and response, or SAPR, stand-down

for all Navy commands to be completed by July 1.

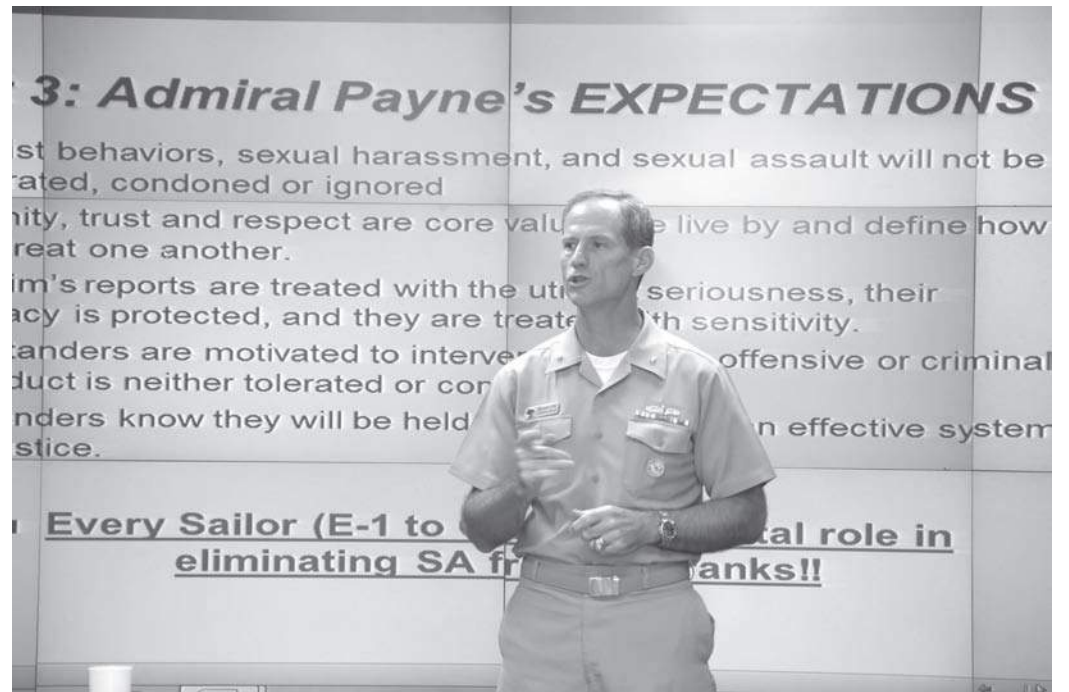
“End state for the Navy stand-down will be that all service members and civilian personnel clearly understand SAPR principles and resources,” Mabus stated. “We will continue to explore new ways to meet the remaining challenges of reducing the prevalence of sexual assault, further increasing the quality of all aspects of our response system.”

Navy commands in Guam began holding SAPR stand-down’s June 10 to ensure all personnel receive the training

by July 1.

Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne stressed the importance of the training was to spread awareness of sexual assault within the fleet and encouraged everyone to be active bystanders when they see or hear anything that may hint at sexual assault.

“I need your help; the Navy needs your help,” he said. “We are trying to get to the left of this problem and we’re not doing it fast enough or well enough. We are having sexual assault in our ranks and we are at the precipice where the few in our ranks



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Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, commander, Joint Region Marianas, discusses the importance of sexual assault prevention during a sexual assault stand-down at the command headquarters in Asan, Guam June 21.

stand to dishonor the service of the many.”

Payne added that those who’ve committed sexual assault are only a small percentage of the tremendous men and women who serve in the armed forces and civilian workforce.

“That action stands to tarnish the rest of us and we have to... actively be engaged, actively intervene when we see bad behavior, when we see inappropriate emails, or when we see something bad about to happen,” he

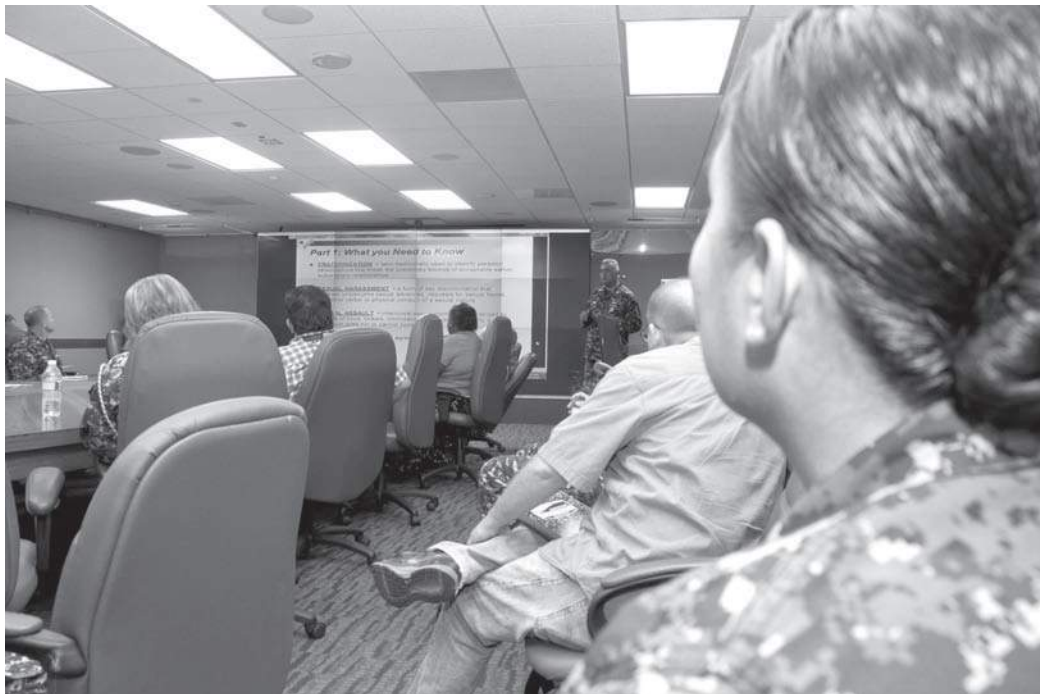
said. “I need you to be actively engaged and thinking about this consciously every day in order for us to turn this around.”

JRM Command Master Chief Greg Vidaurri facilitated the stand-down and actively engaged attendees to take part in discussions regarding sexual assault and their thoughts on ways to curb the number of reported and unreported incidents.

Senior leadership also advised staff that the issue of sexual assault can be prevent-

ed if it’s stopped before it can even begin.

“You have time now to decide how you’re going react if you see (sexual assault) and you have time to react when you see these things going on,” said JRM Chief of Staff Capt. Mark Scovill. “I think you can predispose yourself to react if you make the mental leap that fraternization, alcohol abuse, abusive behavior in general is a precursor of rape and it’s not a matter of ‘if’ it’s ‘when.’”



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A sailor listens as Joint Region Marianas (JRM) Command Master Chief (SW) Gregory Vidaurri makes a presentation during a sexual assault stand-down at the command headquarters in Asan, Guam June 21.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Rosary, public viewing for Joey Camero

The family of the late Joey Camero is informing the public about the last rosary night, which is scheduled Wednesday, June 26, at Commonwealth Health Center chapel starting at 7:30pm.

On July 2, friends and colleagues of the deceased may pay their last respect from 1pm through 4pm during the public viewing at the public hospital chapel.

The remains will be repatriated to the Philippines on the morning of July 3.

Camero, 57, passed away on June 18 at the public hospital. He was a long-time registered nurse at the Commonwealth Health Center.

### MHS Class of '83 sets family picnic

The MHS Class of 1983 reunion committees would like to invite all classmates to a family picnic at the Micro Beach Pavilion this Saturday, June 29, 2013, from 8am to 5pm. For more information, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. (PR)

### Coast Guard training at Warning Area 517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on

June 27 from 7am to noon.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is activated north of latitude 12° 00' 00". All vessels are advised to remain clear. W-517 south of latitude 12° 00' 00" is open for normal use/transit.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)

### Air Force training on FDM

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 27, from 10am to 4pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

### CPA sets Rota auction

The auction of equipment and

vehicles at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport on Rota that was previously set for May 17, 2013, will now be held on July 5, 2013, from 3pm to 5pm at the Commonwealth Ports Authority’s conference room at the Rota airport. For more information, contact procurement officer Alex C. Tudela at 237-6500 or 237-6563. (CPA)

### Commerce reminds vendors of ABTC renewal

The Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control Division is reminding all licensed business establishments that applications for Alcoholic Beverage Control license renewals are now being accepted.

Application forms may be obtained at the Department of Commerce at the Donni Hill Complex, Capitol Hill Road, Pohnpei Street. ABC license holders on Rota and Tinian may pick up application forms from the resident department heads on Rota and Tinian. Application forms are also available online and may be downloaded at [www.commerce.gov.mp](http://www.commerce.gov.mp).

The deadline for filing of renewal applications, including payment of fees, is June 30, 2013. For more information, call the ABTC Division at 664-3065. (PR)



### NEWLY COMMISSIONED

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Lizabeth B. Hofschneider, and their youngest daughter Alexis join newly commissioned U.S. Air Force officer, 2nd Lt. Nathaniel Hofschneider, during his graduation from Officer Training School at the Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Oneil, as his family and friends back home call him, graduated with a biological sciences degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2007. He went back home and was hired as a science teacher at Tinian Junior Senior High School for four years before being accepted to officer school. 2nd Lt Hofschneider will train to become a combat systems officer at the Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, Florida.



# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### A worthy debate on leaks

Even as he condemned Edward Snowden's leaks about two government surveillance programs, President Obama said he welcomed the debate about whether post-9/11 efforts to detect terrorist plots have undermined Americans' privacy. That debate has raged since the Guardian and the Washington Post published material provided by Snowden, and two things are clear:

■ The American public and many members of Congress were unaware of the scope of the government's electronic surveillance programs, which include a continuous and indiscriminate collection of the phone records of virtually every American, and extensive monitoring of foreigners' emails and social media accounts.

■ Congress, the courts and the executive branch need to recalibrate the balance between liberty and security. The broad outlines of that new terrorism surveillance policy should be a matter of public record.

Considerable ink has been expended on the question of whether Snowden, a former government contractor and CIA employee, is a true whistle-blower. As Obama and other defenders of the National Security Agency have pointed out, the activities he has exposed are being carried out pursuant to acts of Congress and under the supervision (however indulgent) of a federal court. But even if Snowden didn't uncover illegal activity, he disclosed details that should have figured in public and congressional debate about those laws.

It was clear before Snowden's disclosures that the USA Patriot Act gave the government broad authority to obtain "business records" (including telephone records) so long as it could persuade a court that the material was "relevant" to a terrorism investigation. But Snowden's revelations made it clear that the law was being used to acquire such "metadata" on a blanket basis, without any connection to a particular investigation, so that the data could be mined later for patterns that might assist in the apprehension of terrorists.

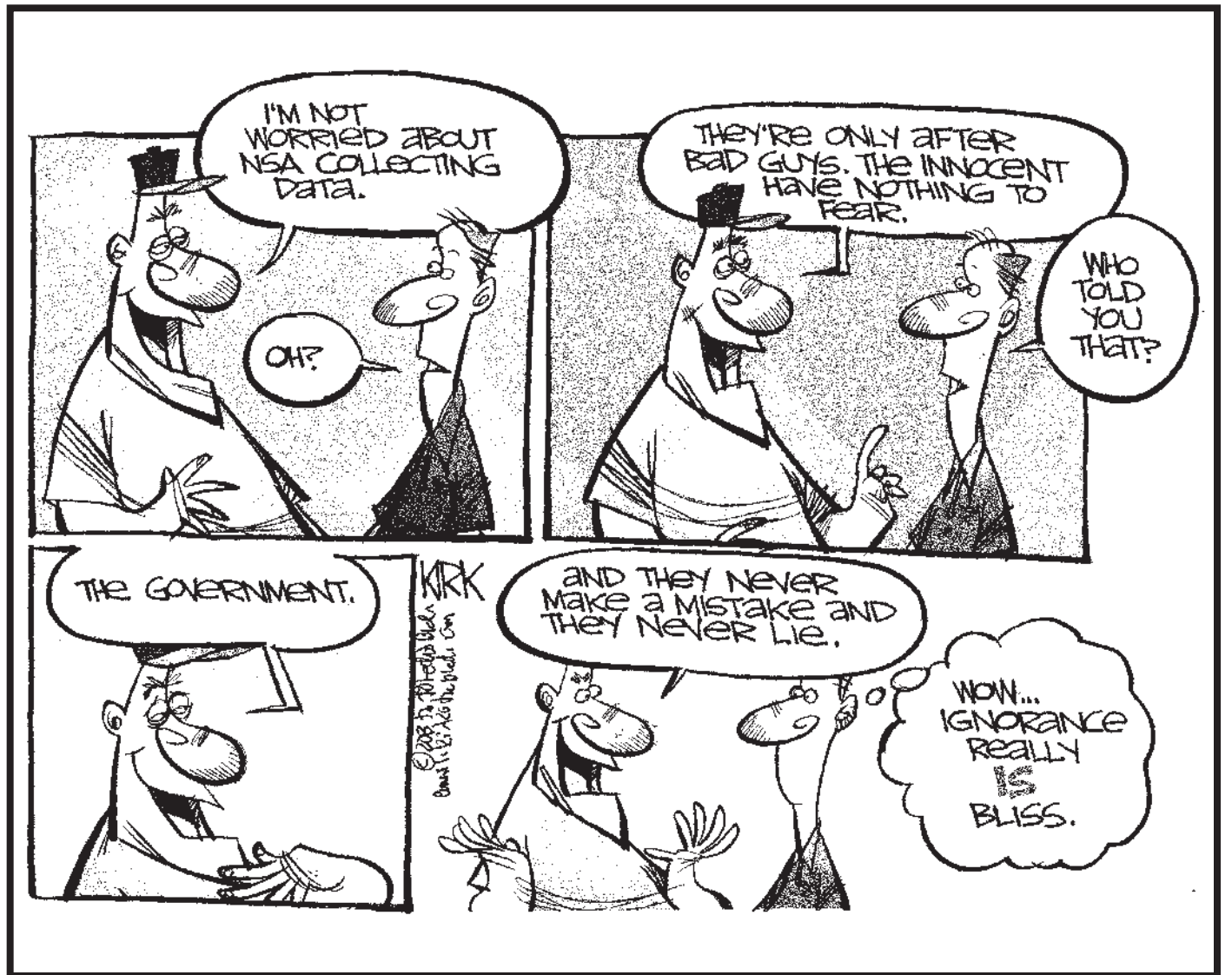
Likewise, it was public knowledge that Congress in 2008 and again in 2012 authorized the government to spy on the electronic communications of foreigners reasonably believed to be outside the United States, pursuant to broad orders from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. It also was known that in the process, the communications of Americans were being "incidentally" obtained and that procedures existed by which that material was to be "minimized" (deleted or disguised). But as a result of Snowden's revelations about the so-called PRISM program, the scope of such surveillance is now better understood.

In recent days, government officials—including Gen. Keith B. Alexander, the NSA director—have appeared before Congress to explain the surveillance programs and argue that they have been instrumental in disrupting terrorist plots. It shouldn't have taken a leak for such a dialogue to occur.

We hope Snowden's revelations also will provide impetus for the enactment of safeguards Congress failed to approve in the past. One would be a requirement that the government offer an annual accounting of how many communications involving Americans are caught up in the monitoring of foreign emails and Internet content. Another would be a mandate for the unsealing of opinions by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (redacted to protect sensitive details) so that the public, Congress and legal scholars could assess the court's legal reasoning.

Finally, Congress and the federal courts need to scrutinize the collection of telephone "metadata." Defenders of that program emphasize that investigators "query" the storehouse of information only when they have a reasonable suspicion that such an

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## The Drone Ranger

Leave it to *Mad* magazine to popularize the phrase that has now been laid on the front door of the White House. Obama is not reprising the role of Tonto. BHO is being unmasked as the drone ranger!

We do not want to forget the IRS peccadillo and Benghazi fiasco. However, we do not see any new grounds to prove that the use of the tax office to go after unfriendly elements is novel to this administration. Nor does the Benghazi *faux pas* a case of negligence on the part of one person. But we want so much to personalize our demons. Obama and Hillary fit the niche of the icons to be whipped at the moment. The ritual is ingrained in political practice and when these hot airs by the Potomac clear, another ill wind will move in to fill in the vacated bill.

NSA whistleblower Snowden (just indicted for espionage) revealed that Uncle Sam has had its ears on our phones for a long time. Getting legal access to journalist's contacts at the DOJ turns out to be more than just getting permission to start a wire; it was a request to legally access records of the tapped lines already in store! It is, perhaps, ironic or, some would claim, the source of a calculated revenge, that a request for "intelligence" to tag Obama for surveillance was made in 2004 when the relatively unknown senator from Illinois started to beat his drum a bit too loudly.

It is the reality of the drones that makes Obama particularly vulnerable to criticism. Like other technological advances such as robots being sent to outer space and landing them in unfamiliar terrain, we applaud the effort and the ingenuity to make the feat possible.

Drones equipped with laser capabilities are doing wonders in unearthing ancient civilizations, track air current movements and analyze the changes of temperature, all to the benefit of furthering knowledge and fine-tuning weather forecasting.

But not like the Chinese's way of turning powdered sulfur and charcoal into fireworks, we turn the invention to explode each other into pieces, leaving in our system an otherwise rational nation painfully distancing itself from the insanity of easily owning automatic assault weapons. Verbiage used to justify owning such instrument of mass destruction includes solemn invocations of constitutional provisions. Meanwhile, blood spills casually in our neighborhoods.

While Georgie Bush was squeamish about finally letting the ink of assassination consent be solely out of his table, Obama sees it as his moral obligation. If targets of drones are going to be authorized, he sees his office as the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces as the final stop to making that decision. Many will not quarrel with that, but it puts him in the eyes of some as no better than the terrorists he is out to get. If Reagan is quick to the draw on metaphors, an image slinger of a faux cowboy, Obama the drone ranger is the mad

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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man of the lunar eclipse. (Cheney and the boys already have patent claim on the fires of Armageddon before the Apocalypse.)

Obama is jeered by the right and vilified by the left for the case of Abdul-Rahman al-Awlaki, the 16-year-old American kid who is son to Anwar al-Awlaki, the American imam who voted for Bush but went to the dark side and started broadcasting against the empire from Yemen. On September 2011, a drone got to him. Disciplined Obama, who looks at the list on Tuesdays to authorize targets, played executioner to the treasonous cleric. Two weeks later, he allegedly gave the go-signal to get the 16-year-old son as well, as Abdul and his friends were out at a BBQ. (Huff Post says Obama was surprised and disappointed with the news, so who authorized the kill?) When one of the WH minions was asked why the son, he responded with a grim sense of humor: "I suggest that you should have a more responsible father."

As life is definitely lived in details more than in drama (to borrow a colleague's cute phrasing), the way the al-Awlaki story is told makes a difference, easily construable as an exclamation point to the earlier Osama bin Laden raid in May, and shortly before the following year's presidential polls. Added spice: the Boston Tsarnaev brothers listened to the imam al-Awlaki's broadcasts!

FDR had Pearl Harbor, Truman his Kaesang, out-of-uniform general Ike the Pentagon's military-industrial complex (read Empire Strikes Back), JFK the Bay of Pigs, Johnson My Lai, Nixon Orange Agent in SEA, Carter Tehran, Reagan the Contras, Bush Saddam, Clinton Beirut and Bosnia, Georgie Iraq, and now Obama the drones. To BHO's credit, we are smoothly segueing from the Afghan quagmire to Syria's quicksand! Today, we trigger expensive projectiles aimed to annihilate the enemies of "law and order." We have become the empire we were warned to be ready to resist!

A footnote: We are also doing a military "pivot turn" to the Western Pacific, shuttling the *haenyeo* divers of Jeju's seaweed and shellfish into obsolescence while setting to chase the birds, turtles, and a handful of Carolinians out of Pagan. All because we fear the suspected rising empire in the East! Duh (a Chinese word that does not need translation)!



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## Mr. O&F's taxpayer-paid trips

A report in the *Washington Times* says President Obama would be taking a trip to several African countries that would cost taxpayer between \$60 million to \$100 million.

The trip would come in the wake of budget cuts and furloughs throughout the federal government and the dire need to pare down the \$17 trillion federal deficit.

The trip would involve military cargo planes airlifting 56 support vehicles, including 14 limousines, and three trucks to carry bulletproof glass panels to cover the windows where the family is set to stay.

Interesting the \$70 million earmarked for IRS bullies after spending \$50 million on frivolous conferences, learning line dancing gathering more than their share of missteps.

Remember when impeached former governor Benigno R. Fitial took a trip—crossing the Pacific to American Samoa—for a conference on coral reefs. He then headed to the national GOP convention in Florida. He dovetailed it with crossing the country for a softball game in Idaho.

These trips were taken while critical patients needing immediate referral outside the NMI had to wait for money to pay for their airfare. The epitome of mindlessness! Now he's hiding in his mansion in the Philippines. The feds would fetch him, as he no longer could chance declaring, "I am the rule!"

Isn't leadership about placing the interest of others over yours, especially in organizations you lead? Budget and salary cuts while Mr. O spends \$100 million for his African safari? No money for medical referral patients while Mr. F searches for more succulent steak and lobster? How about a sense of humility and mindfulness? Last I checked the funds belonged to taxpayers, not Mr. O or F's family, *di ba*?

### Retirees: Don't worry, be happy...

Need retirees worry about their paychecks?

Nah!

Why?

Look at it this way: The existence of the NMI government means it still must collect and receive revenues annually for its expenses,

including the payment of deficit.

It means paying its debts to the Fund of some \$371 million. Such is the nature of the ghostly beast, like it or not.

Retirees have fulfilled their end of the contract or bargain. Uncle Fatalnos, the evil genius behind the law to postpone payment of employer's contribution, learned that it was declared "unconstitutional" by the court. In other words, the court struck it down as it would have impaired a contractual agreement. Eh, pay your end of the bargain *lai*. It's the right thing to do!

An attempt to reduce pension would, in my view, constitute another violation of the contractual agreement. How he pays for his end of the bargain is in the palm of his hands. If he has to cut spending by as much as 30-50, then it must be done. A show of cronyism between Covenant and Independent Republicans is fitting at this juncture for as long as they pitch in.

It's all a test of real, not perceptual, leadership, an issue 99 percent of the elected elites misperceive from the day they hit the ground, hoping to run toward the goal line though confused. Well, let's see who has the coconuts and coconads to move about on doing what's right.

You've created a monstrosity. Solve it with equal vigor and agility!

So for as long as Uncle Fatalnos is around, eh, kick back, don't worry, be happy, it's just another day in paradise. We've met our end of the bargain. It's your turn!

### Has PSS been subsidizing other agencies?

The Public School System has been subsidizing other government agencies on their monthly utility bills, it was revealed at a recent public hearing on a measure designed to spread the cost evenly among all users.

PSS has been paying \$64 per 1,000 gallon while others are assessed way below what the agency has been forced to shoulder over the last four to five years. Who's the evil genius behind such highly punitive policy? It definitely happened under the Fitial-Inos Administration.

Did anyone catch this anomaly that became the focus of atten-

sociologists, English majors and political theorists—along with engineers and scientists—to envision what the future looks like, that exciting potential will never be realized. It takes intelligence, passion, imagination and an understanding of what has come before to be a visionary leader. Arts and humanities studies impart these critical life skills.

The commission's report points out that "at the very moment when China and some European nations are seeking to replicate our model of broad education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences as a stimulus to invention, the United States is instead narrowing our focus and abandoning our sense of what education has been and should continue to be—our sense of what makes America great."

These are the telling statistics: First, that federal funding for helping American students include international training in their education has been cut 41 percent in four years. That's an astonishing number. The National Assessment of Educational Progress test shows that less than a quarter of eighth- and 12th-grade U.S. students are proficient in reading, writing and civics.

Yet, according to the report, three out of four employers now want schools to place more emphasis on the skills that the humanities and social sciences teach: critical thinking and problem solving, as well as written and oral communication.

How can we possibly equip the U.S. for its leadership role in an increasingly connected world if we are not adequately teaching students to communicate and helping them understand and encounter diverse perspectives?

In his testimony before the House Intelligence Committee, Alexander told Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., that the agency would consider an alternative system in which telecommunications companies would retain metadata and the government would review it only when there was suspicion of a foreign terrorist connection. If the NSA doesn't make that change on its own, Congress should consider requiring it to do so. Meanwhile, the federal courts should be willing to rule on whether the metadata program violates the Constitution. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit alleging that the program violates federal law and the 4th and 1st Amendments. The Supreme Court dismissed an earlier lawsuit

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*Special to the Saipan Tribune*

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tion monthly while PSS tries to educate some 10,000 students? As a result of this poorly crafted policy, PSS consistently receives monthly delinquency bills that meant sacrificing even the education of our children.

Another issue that popped up during the hearing was cost or expenses passed on to consumers that translate into higher utilities. It would be interesting to pin down and put final estoppel on this mess via the intervention of the assistant AG assigned to the consumers division.

Gee! PUTC or CUC or both have had a free hand passing expenses to consumers while tiptoeing through their garden of silence. What do they make of consumers who struggle monthly to make ends meet? The AG's consumer division must probe this issue so it is exposed forthwith!

### Economic disaster at home

It's a bit too late to re-arm the elected elite with their own tired rhetoric that is no longer in their bags of tricks. Even the scapegoats that once rested comfortably have placed signs on their doors: Gone on extended vacation!

Didn't do anything but don servility when our house caught fire with the closure of the apparel industry that drained the local economy of some \$1.2 billion. We suffered mental paralysis and atrophy when Uncle Sam imposed federal takeover of immigration and minimum wage. Piled legislation ensured the insolvency of the Fund. Where the hell did "experienced leadership" go?

We moved along in complete servility even quizzing one another in redundancy: What happened here? You were here, weren't you; and still are, *di ba*?

There is no denying that scientific advances have extraordinary power, and that the STEM fields are indispensable. There's no denying that every area of study needs significant increases in resources to keep up with the changing world. But if we fail to invest in the arts and humanities, our country's future leaders will neither understand nor be able to act on or illustrate the shared experience of what it is to be human—they won't have the ability to connect on an emotional level with others. The ability to connect with others is developed by studying the humanities, and in the global community this skill is not optional—it's essential.

Focusing our educational resources toward any one endeavor in narrow isolation creates a destructive imbalance. We must correct this imbalance now, before it is too late.

This, then, is a critical "teachable moment" and we as a society must embrace it. We must enthusiastically support and fund the study of the arts and humanities as the building blocks of a successful global future. And for everyone concerned with how this translates into a sound economy and a sound financial future, simply recall what Steve Jobs told graduates of Stanford University in 2005: One of the most influential experiences in his brief time at Reed College was his exposure to the fine art of calligraphy. It taught him the important lesson of the relationship between discipline and creativity.

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## The soft sciences matter as much as ever

By **JAMES CUNO**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A report released last week bears out what many educators have been predicting: Amid rising college tuition, increased global economic competition and a job market that disproportionately rewards graduates in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields, students are seeking degrees in what they and, indeed, many in our nation view as lucrative business and hard-science disciplines. The study is from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences, on which I serve.

Some institutions have responded by cutting budgets in the arts and humanities and directing those funds elsewhere. That's the wrong thing to do. The humanities—the study of languages, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, comparative religion, ethics, social sciences—and the arts are vital to our future. We should be investing more funds, more time and more expertise, not less, into these endeavors.

What detractors of the "soft" subjects miss is that the arts and humanities provide an essential framework and context for understanding the wider world. Studying the humanities strengthens the ability to communicate and work with others. It allows students to develop broad intellectual and cultural understanding; it nurtures creativity and deepens participation in public discourse and modern democracy.

Without citizens whose reading, writing, speaking and analytical skills are top-notch, our society as a whole falters. Without artists,

involving surveillance programs because the plaintiffs couldn't prove that their conversations were in fact monitored. But, thanks to Snowden, the ACLU can confidently assert that its telephone records were caught in the government's dragnet.

Better late than never, Congress and the public are asking searching questions about how the war on terrorism is affecting Americans' privacy—and the government is beginning to provide detailed answers. Whatever one thinks of Snowden or his motives, his disclosures brought us to this moment.

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exercise will establish connections between a phone number in the database and a possible terrorist plot. Even then, investigators must obtain a warrant to examine the content of an American's phone calls. But despite those safeguards, Americans are understandably uneasy about the fact that information about whom they call, and when, is being vacuumed up and stored by the same government that can audit their tax returns and put them in prison.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Kosrae	Sunny	▲86 ▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼80

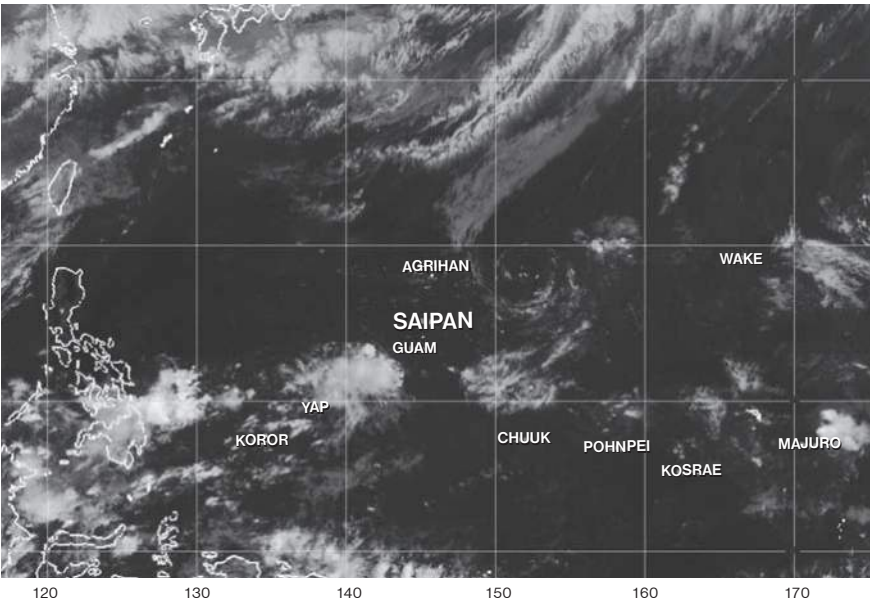
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56 ▼48
Beijing	Sunny	▲91 ▼73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼84
Honolulu	Sunny	▲84 ▼71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼67
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60 ▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼73
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼71
Paris	Showers	▲66 ▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼69
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼64
Salem	Showers	▲76 ▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼70
Tokyo	Showers	▲78 ▼68
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲96 ▼77

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
9:48 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
5:04 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:57 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends northeastward from south of Mindanao to just north of Koror and Yap to end just south of Guam at 12N144E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen south of Koror between 4N and 6N from 134E to 137E and between Yap and Guam between 9N and 13N from 138E to 143E. A surface trough runs northward from northwest of Chuuk at 9N150E to end near the Marianas at 12N150E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located north of Chuuk between 9N and 13N from 147E to 153E. Another surface trough runs northeastward from 4N168E through a circulation centered at 6N170E to end northeast of Majuro at 9N173E. Scattered showers are present northeast of Majuro between 7N and 9N from 172E to 175E and near the Butaritari atoll within 25 miles of a line that extends northeastward from 2N171E to 7N174E. An upper-level low is located east of Wake Island at 19N168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with this system are evident within 80 miles of a line running southeastward from 21N169E to 17N174E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:49 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:23 PM	8:27 AM
Thursday	10:11 PM	9:27 AM
Friday	10:55 PM	10:24 AM
Saturday	11:38 PM	11:18 AM
Sunday		12:11 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>					<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>				
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7		UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7	
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5		UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily		UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily		UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily	
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily		UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily	
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily						
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>					<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily	
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>					<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7		OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>					<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1		OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily	
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7	
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily		OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>					<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>					<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>				
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5		MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>					<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
<b>SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)</b>					<b>KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN</b>				
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7		SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7	
<b>SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)</b>					<b>VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN</b>				
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16		XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>					<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN		PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT	
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM		UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM	
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM		UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM	
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM		UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM		OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM	
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN						
<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>					<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>				
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN		UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM	
					UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM	
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



# Business

## New Samsung tablets mimic Galaxy phones

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Samsung is expanding its lineup of tablet computers and making them look more like its Galaxy smartphones, as it hopes to translate its success in phones to the tablet market, where Apple is dominant.

Samsung Electronics Co., the second-largest maker of tablets after Apple, on Monday said it is putting three new tablets in the Galaxy Tab 3 series on sale in the U.S. on July 7. The cheapest, a \$199 device, will have a screen that measures 7 inches diagonally. An 8-inch model will go for \$299 and a 10-inch one for \$399.

"Our goal is to attract Galaxy



The 10-inch model of Samsung Electronics Company's new Galaxy Tab 3 series tablet computer is seen in an undated photo provided by Samsung.

smartphone users, and to make it the ultimate smartphone accessory," said Shoneel Kolhatkar, director of product planning at Samsung Mobile.

The "Tab" line is Samsung's value brand, undercutting the price of similar Apple models. Samsung's premium tablets are in the "Note" line, which include styluses. The 7-inch and 10-inch tablets had "Tab 2" equivalents, but the 8-inch model is new, and coincides closely in size with Apple's iPad Mini,

which came out late last year.

The new tablets have the same three buttons on the front as the Galaxy smartphones. Last year's Tab 2 had no physical buttons on the front, as encouraged by Google, which supplies the Android software.

The 7-inch Galaxy Tab 3 has 8 gigabytes of storage memory, while the larger models have 16 gigabytes. All of them have card slots for memory expansion.

Samsung and Apple are in a heated tussle when it comes to

smartphones and tablets. Each company would like to dominate both markets. Samsung had 18 percent of the global tablet market in the first quarter this year, according to research firm IDC. Apple had 40 percent. In smartphones, the figures are reversed, with Samsung dominating, largely because of its Galaxy line. Apple came in second with a 17 percent market share for the iPhone. In the U.S., however, Samsung is outsold by Amazon.com Inc., with its Kindles.

## Another Boeing 787 flight cut short on United

**DALLAS (AP)**—Mechanical glitches that caused three United Airlines flights to be cut short in the past week might have gotten little notice except for one detail: All the planes were Boeing 787s.

The 787, which Boeing calls the Dreamliner, faces more scrutiny than normal because it was grounded for three months by concern about overheating lithium-ion batteries.

Aviation experts say the three recent incidents with United planes didn't appear to pose any threat to passenger safety. But, they say, the repu-

tation of Boeing and its newest plane will suffer if glitches continue to pile up.

It's not unusual for a new plane or model to suffer glitches. Some sound more ominous than others, such as when Airbus had to repair cracks on parts inside the wings of its huge A380 jets in 2011 and 2012.

With last week's Dreamliner incidents, "We're seeing a relatively small number of relatively minor problems," said Richard Aboulafia, an aviation analyst with the Teal Group. "This is similar to what we've

seen with other new aircraft."

John F. Thomas of L.E.K. Consulting said three aborted flights in six days could be partly coincidence and partly due to pilots being quick to land if anything on the 787 seems out of the ordinary.

"Because of what happened with the batteries, people would naturally be cautious," he said.

The Dreamliner is Boeing's most technologically advanced airliner, with lightweight materials and other innovations designed to boost fuel efficiency.

## Documents show IRS also screened liberal groups



In this June 6, 2013 file photo, acting IRS commissioner Danny Werfel testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The Internal Revenue Service's screening of groups seeking tax-exempt status was broader and lasted longer than has been previously disclosed, the new head of the agency acknowledged Monday. Terms including "Israel," "Progressive" and "Occupy" were used by agency workers to help pick groups for closer examination, according to an internal IRS document obtained by The Associated Press.

The IRS has been under fire since last month after admitting it targeted tea party and other conservative groups that wanted the tax-exempt designation for tough examinations. While investigators have said that agency screening for those groups had stopped in May 2012, Monday's revelations made it clear that screening for other kinds of organizations continued until earlier this month, when the

agency's new chief, Danny Werfel, says he discovered it and ordered it halted.

The IRS document said an investigation into why specific terms were included was still underway. It blamed the continued use of inappropriate criteria by screeners on "a lapse in judgment" by the agency's former top officials. The document did not name the officials, but many top leaders have been replaced.

Democrats on the House Ways and Means Committee released 15 lists of terms that the IRS agency used and has provided to congressional investigators. Some of the lists, which evolved over time, used the terms "Progressive" and "Tea Party" and others including "Medical Marijuana," "Occupied Territory Advocacy," "Healthcare legislation," "Newspaper Entities" and "Paying National Debt."

The lists were dated between

August 2010 and April 2013—the month before the IRS targeting of conservative groups was revealed. They ranged from 11 pages to 17 pages but were heavily blacked out to protect sensitive taxpayer information.

Neither the IRS document obtained by the AP or the 15 IRS lists of terms addressed how many progressive groups received close scrutiny or how the agency treated their requests. Dozens of conservative groups saw their applications experience lengthy delays, and they received unusually intrusive questions about their donors and other details that agency officials have conceded were inappropriate.

In a conference call with reporters, Werfel said that after becoming acting IRS chief last month, he discovered varied and improper terms on the lists and said screeners were still using them.

## APAFS launches new, improved website

**HAGATNA, Guam**—APAFS, a Guam-based 501(c) non-profit educational association, recently launched a website redesign, allowing its members, program sponsors and others interested in the pursuit of higher fiduciary standards, easy access to APAFS programs and services. The attractive layout holds a collection of improvements that Gerard Cruz, AIF®, Chairman of the Board of Governors, says will make navigation and research much simpler regardless of the type of device used to access the site.

The new design of apafs.org website includes features designed to make each visit more user-friendly and informative, with clear menu navigation, clearer listing of educational programs and conferences, easier online registration for education events and related hotel bookings, and latest practice

and industry news.

The most advanced part of the site is the use of responsive design. As more people utilize mobile Internet technology, APAFS recognizes the importance of adapting by making websites more mobile user-friendly. This new site will make the research process for educational programs and other services APAFS offers, much more enjoyable, as it will automatically scale down to fit any screen size, whether a visitor is using their smartphone, a tablet, or a PC.

Another aspect of the design that improves navigation is the new menu organization, which highlights every section a visitor may be interested in by using straightforward menus and sub-menus to highlight valuable information.

Visitors can also learn about current industry and capital

markets trends and methods on the websites Research Publication section, as well as access and download prototype RFP documents for various investment related services in the Prototype Document section. The purpose of these sections is to provide valuable, and practical, information in the latest in investment news for fiduciaries. By doing so, APAFS is able to better connect with its members and provide valuable tips and updates on the industry.

APAFS new website design was developed by Angil Design, a Saipan-based website design firm. APAFS is proud to offer visitors easier access to information critical to investment stewards in the Asia-Pacific region through the improved site.

For more information about APAFS, visit [www.apafs.org](http://www.apafs.org). (APAFS)



### LEADING INDICATORS

#### DOW

14,659.56  
-139.84  
-0.94%

#### S&P

1,573.09  
-19.34  
-1.21%

#### NASDAQ

3,320.76  
-36.49  
-1.09%

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0815
British Pound	0.6473
Canadian Dollar	1.0512
Chinese Yuan	6.1481
Euro	0.7619

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7552	Philippine Peso	43.67
Indian Rupee	59.7195	Singapore Dollar	1.2748
Indonesian Rupiah	9929.00	South Korean Won	1159.63
Japanese Yen	97.5952	Swiss Franc	0.9337
Malaysian Ringgit	3.2112	Taiwan Dollar	30.169
New Zealand Dollar	1.2915	Thailand Baht	30.99



# Nation

## Immigration bill clears Senate test with votes to spare

WASHINGTON (AP)—Historic immigration legislation cleared a key Senate hurdle with votes to spare on Monday, pointing the way to near-certain passage within days for \$38 billion worth of new security measures along the border with Mexico and an unprecedented chance at citizenship for millions living in the country illegally.

The vote was 67-27, seven more than the 60 needed, with 15 Republicans agreeing to advance legislation at the top of President Barack Obama's second-term domestic agenda.

The vote came as Obama campaigned from the White House for the bill, saying, "now is the time" to overhaul an immigration system that even critics of the legislation

agree needs reform.

Last-minute frustration was evident among opponents. In an unusual slap at members of his own party as well as Democrats, Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas said it appeared that lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle "very much want a fig leaf" on border security to justify a vote for immigration.

Senate passage on Thursday or Friday would send the issue to the House, where conservative Republicans in the majority oppose citizenship for anyone living in the country illegally.

Some GOP lawmakers have appealed to Speaker John Boehner not to permit any immigration legislation to come to a vote for fear that whatever its contents, it would open the door

to an unpalatable compromise with the Senate. At the same time, the House Judiciary Committee is in the midst of approving a handful of measures related to immigration, action that ordinarily is a prelude to votes in the full House.

"Now is the time to do it," Obama said at the White House before meeting with nine business executives who support a change in immigration laws. He added, "I hope that we can get the strongest possible vote out of the Senate so that we can then move to the House and get this done before the summer break" beginning in early August.

He said the measure would be good for the economy, for business and for workers who are "oftentimes exploited at

low wages."

As for the overall economy, he said, "I think every business leader here feels confident that they'll be in a stronger position to continue to innovate, to continue to invest, to continue to create jobs and ensure that this continues to be the land of opportunity for generations to come."

Opponents saw it otherwise. "It will encourage more illegal immigration and must be stopped," Cruz exhorted supporters via email, urging them to contact their own senators with a plea to defeat the measure.

Leaving little to chance, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced it was launching a new seven-figure ad buy

Monday in support of the bill. "Call Congress. End de facto amnesty. Create jobs and economic growth by supporting conservative immigration reforms," the ad said.

Senate officials said some changes were still possible to the bill before it leaves the Senate—alterations that would swell the vote total.

## Send him back: US urges nations to return Snowden

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. grasped for help Monday from both adversaries and uneasy allies in an effort to catch fugitive National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden. The White House demanded that he be denied asylum, blasted China for letting him go and urged Russia to "do the right thing" and send him back to America to face espionage charges.

Snowden was believed to be in Russia, where he fled Sunday after weeks of hiding out in Hong Kong following his disclosure of the broad scope of two highly classified counter-terror surveillance programs to two newspapers. The programs collect vast amounts of Americans' phone records and worldwide online data in the name of national security.

Snowden had flown from Hong Kong to Russia, and was expected to fly early Monday to Havana, from where he would continue on to Ecuador, where he has applied for asylum. But he didn't get on that plane and his exact whereabouts were unclear.

The founder of WikiLeaks, the secret-spilling organization that has embraced Snowden, said the American was only passing through Russia on his way to an unnamed destination to avoid the reach of U.S. authorities. Julian Assange said Snowden had applied for asylum in Ecuador, Iceland and possibly other countries.

Despite its diplomatic tough talk, the U.S. faces considerable difficulty in securing cooperation on Snowden from nations with whom it has chilly relations.

The White House said Hong Kong's refusal to detain Snowden had "unquestionably" hurt relations between the United States and China. While Hong Kong has a high degree of autonomy from the rest of China, experts said Beijing prob-



Light shines through a cabin window on seat 17A, the empty seat that an Aeroflot official said was booked in the name of former CIA technician Edward Snowden, shortly before Aeroflot flight SU150 takes off from Moscow to Havana, Cuba, Monday, June 24, 2013.

ably orchestrated Snowden's exit in an effort to remove an irritant in Sino-U.S. relations. President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping met earlier this month in California to smooth over rough patches in the countries' relationship, including allegations of hacking into each other's computer systems.

Secretary of State John Kerry urged Moscow to "do the right thing" amid high-level pressure on Russia to turn over Snowden.

"We're following all the appropriate legal channels and working with various other countries to make sure that the rule of law is observed," Obama told reporters when asked if he was confident that Russia would

expel Snowden.

Obama's spokesman, Jay Carney, said the U.S. was expecting the Russians "to look at the options available to them to expel Mr. Snowden back to the United States to face justice for the crimes with which he is charged."

Carney was less measured about China.

"The Chinese have emphasized the importance of building mutual trust," he said. "And we think that they have dealt that effort a serious setback. ... This was a deliberate choice by the government to release a fugitive despite a valid arrest warrant, and that decision unquestionably has a negative impact on the U.S.-China relationship."

## Obama to limit carbon at power plants

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's national plan to combat climate change will include the first-ever regulations to limit carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants, as well as increased production of renewable energy on public lands and federally assisted housing, environmental groups briefed on the plan said Monday.

In a major speech Tuesday at Georgetown University, Obama will announce that he's directing his administration to allow enough renewables on public lands to power 6 million homes by 2020, effectively doubling the capacity from solar, wind and geothermal projects on federal property. He'll also say the U.S. will significantly expand pro-

duction of renewable energy on low-income housing sites, according to five individuals briefed on the plan, who were not authorized to discuss it publicly ahead of Obama's announcement and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The far-reaching plan marks Obama's most prominent effort yet to deliver on a major priority he laid out in his first presidential campaign and recommitted to at the start of his second term: to fight climate change in the U.S. and abroad and prepare American communities for its effects. Environmental activists have been irked that Obama's high-minded goals never materialized into a comprehensive plan.

In taking action on his own—none of the steps

Obama will announce Tuesday require congressional approval—Obama is also signaling he will no longer wait for lawmakers to act on climate change, and instead will seek ways to work around them.

The lynchpin of Obama's plan, and the step activists say will have the most dramatic impact, involves limits on carbon emissions for new and existing power plants. The Obama administration has already proposed controls on new plants, but those controls have been delayed and not yet finalized. Tuesday's announcement will be the first public confirmation that Obama plans to extend carbon controls to coal-fired power plants that are currently pumping heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere.

## Rights case ruling favors Colo. transgender girl

DENVER (AP)—Colorado officials say a suburban Colorado Springs school district discriminated against a 6-year-old transgender girl by preventing her from using the girls' bathroom, in what advocates described as the first such ruling in the next frontier in civil rights.

Coy Mathis's family raised the issue after school officials at Eagleside Elementary in Fountain said the first-grader could use restrooms in either the teachers' lounge or in the nurse's office, but not the girls' bathroom. Coy's parents feared she would be stigmatized and bullied.

On Monday, the Mathis family and its lawyers celebrated the ruling on the steps of the state capitol. Coy, dressed in a glittering tank top, jeans and pink canvas sneakers, ran around a towering blue spruce tree as her mother spoke to reporters.

"Her future will be better if we get to this place where this is nothing to be ashamed of," Kathryn Mathis said, noting the family hadn't sought a civil rights battle but was happy for the Colorado Division of Civil Rights' ruling.

As the gay rights movement has won mounting legal and electoral victories in recent years, advocates hope the lat-



In this Monday, Feb. 25, 2013, file photo, Coy Mathis, left, plays with her sister Auri, at their home in Fountain, Colo.

est decision will lend momentum to the struggles of transgendered people.

"This is by far the high-water mark for cases dealing with the rights of transgendered people to access bathrooms," said the Mathis family's attorney, Michael Silverman of the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund. He and other advocates said the case is one of several potentially groundbreaking transgendered civil rights cases winding their way through the nation's courts.

The Maine Supreme Court is considering the case of a 15-year-old transgendered girl who was forbidden from using

her school's girls' bathroom.

Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel, which focuses on religious and family litigation, said transgender cases are "a mockery of civil rights." He said his group got involved defending a department store employee who was disciplined for ordering a person who was obviously male to leave the women's changing room.

"How do you know if someone is really thinking this way or not," Staver said, adding that Coy is too young to decide on such a different identity. "How do you know if someone just wants to go in the restroom and be a peeping Tom?"



# Asia

## South Korea says several govt, private websites hacked

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—South Korea said multiple government and private sector websites were hacked on Tuesday's anniversary of the start of the Korean War, and Seoul issued a cyberattack alert warning officials and citizens to take security measures.

Government websites, including the one for the presidential Blue House, and some media servers were attacked, according to a statement from the science ministry. The statement said the sites were hacked and that a team was investigating.

The government alert is meant to warn officials and citizens of possible cyberattacks and urge them to enhance their server and computer security measures.

The shutdown happened on the 63rd anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. It wasn't immediately clear who was responsible, but both Koreas have traded accusations of cyberattacks in recent years.

South Korean officials say that North Korea orchestrated a cyberattack in March that shut down tens of thousands of computers and servers at South Korean broadcasters and banks. Seoul said in April that an initial investigation pointed to a North Korean military-run spy agency as the culprit.

North Korea in recent weeks

has pushed for diplomatic talks with Washington. But tensions ran high on the Korean Peninsula in March and April, with North Korea delivering regular threats over U.N. sanctions and U.S.-South Korean military drills.

Investigators detected similarities between the March cyberattack and past hacking attributed to the North Korean spy agency, including the recycling of 30 previously used malware programs—out of a total of 76 used in the attack, South Korea's internet security agency said.

The March 20 cyberattack struck 48,000 computers and servers, hampering banks for two to five days. Officials have said that no bank records or personal data were compromised. Staffers at TV broadcasters KBS, MBC and YTN were unable to log on to news systems for several days, although programming continued during that period. No government, military or infrastructure targets were affected.

South Korea's National Intelligence Service said North Korea was behind a denial of service attack in 2009 that crippled dozens of websites, including that of the presidential office. Seoul also believes the North was responsible for cyberattacks on servers of Nonghyup bank in 2011 and JoongAng Ilbo, a national daily

newspaper, in 2012.

North Korea also blamed South Korea and the United States for cyberattacks in March that temporarily disabled Inter-

net access and websites in North Korea, where a small number of people can go online.

Experts believe North Korea trains large teams of cyber war-

riors and that the South and its allies should be prepared against possible attacks on key infrastructure and military systems. If the inter-Korean conflict were

to move into cyberspace, South Korea's deeply wired society would have more to lose than North Korea's, which largely remains offline.



### WATER FESTIVAL

Residents gather along the main street of San Juan, east of Manila, Philippines to celebrate the feast of San Juan township's patron saint of St. John The Baptist Monday, June 24, 2013. The festival is celebrated by dousing unsuspecting passersby and commuters with water. AP

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Philippines grounds bomber planes after crash

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The Philippine air force grounded its OV-10 Bronco bomber planes on Monday after one crashed at sea but other aircraft were available for possible counterinsurgency strikes, an official said. Air force spokesman Col. Miguel Okol said seven of the turboprop planes were grounded following the crash of an OV-10 late Sunday while preparing to land in southwestern Palawan province after a routine training flight. It was not immediately known if the two pilots survived. Authorities hope they managed to eject before the plane crashed. Search teams have found parts of the plane, including a wheel, cargo bay door and tail cone, at sea about 10 kilometers (six miles) from the Palawan airport, Okol said.

#### 5 killed in Kashmir ahead of Indian PM visit

**SRINAGAR, India (AP)**—Five soldiers were killed and seven others wounded Monday in an attack by suspected rebels on an army convoy in Indian-controlled Kashmir on the eve of a visit by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The attack comes even though government forces intensified their patrols ahead of Singh's visit to prevent protests and attacks by rebels fighting against Indian rule. Singh's two-day visit starting Tuesday also follows a weekend attack in which militants shot and killed two policemen in Kashmir's main city of Srinagar. Police detained scores of separatist activists, frisked residents and searched cars as part of security measures.

#### Indonesia formally apologizes for smoky haze

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono apologized Monday to Singapore and Malaysia for record-setting pollution caused by forest fires in his country. "For what is happening, as the president, I apologize to our brothers in Singapore and Malaysia," Yudhoyono said. He asked for their understanding and said Indonesia is working hard to fight the fires, which are often set by farmers to clear fields. Jakarta dispatched planes and helicopters last week to battle the blazes in peat swamp forests as well as plantations in Riau province on Sumatra island, where the smoke easily drifts across the sea to the two neighboring countries. Speaking at a news conference after a Cabinet meeting to discuss the issue, Yudhoyono said he has ordered an investigation of the fires.

## Taliban attack presidential palace in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Suicide attackers blew up a car bomb and battled security forces outside Afghanistan's presidential palace Tuesday after infiltrating one of the most secure areas of the capital. The army said the attackers were killed but knew of no other deaths.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack that came as reporters were gathering for a news event on Afghan youth at which President Hamid Karzai was expected to talk about ongoing efforts to open peace talks with the militant group.

The palace is in a large fortified area of downtown Kabul that also includes the U.S. Embassy and the headquarters for the NATO-led coalition forces and where access is heavily restricted. It houses Karzai's residence but it was not immediately clear whether the president was in the building at the time and his spokesman did not answer his phone.

Gunfire started around 6:30 a.m. inside a heavily guarded area near the east gate leading to the palace, next to the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the former Ariana Hotel, which former U.S. intelligence officials have confirmed is used by the CIA.

A car bomb then exploded

trying to enter the area. About 20 journalists took cover behind a religious shrine, pulling a schoolboy off the street who had been caught in the open on his way to school.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility, saying in a text message the militants had "brought death to

the enemy" with a suicide attack. He later suggested in an emailed statement that all three buildings had been targeted, saying the attack came "near the Ariana Hotel, the important CIA base, and also the presidential palace and Ministry of Defense."

Smoke could be seen coming from the area of the hotel, but

there was no immediate indication any of the buildings were hit in the attack.

Mujahid claimed the attackers had inflicted "heavy casualties," but Afghanistan's Kabul division army commander Gen. Kadam Shah Shahim said he knew of no deaths among security forces or civilians.

## US factory boss held hostage by workers in Beijing

**BEIJING (AP)**—An American executive said he has been held hostage for four days at his medical supply plant in Beijing by scores of workers demanding severance packages like those given to 30 co-workers in a phased-out department.

Chip Starnes, 42, a co-owner of Coral Springs, Florida-based Specialty Medical Supplies, said local officials had visited the 10-year-old plant on the capital's outskirts and coerced him into signing agreements Saturday to meet the workers' demands even though he sought to make clear that the remaining 100 workers weren't being laid off.

The workers were expecting wire transfers by Tuesday, he said, adding that about 80 of them had been blocking every

exit around the clock and depriving him of sleep by shining bright lights and banging on windows of his office. He declined to clarify the amount, saying he wanted to keep it confidential.

"I feel like a trapped animal," Starnes told The Associated Press on Monday from his first-floor office window, while holding onto the window's bars. "I think it's inhumane what is going on right now. I have been in this area for 10 years and created a lot of jobs and I would never have thought in my wildest imagination something like this would happen."

Workers inside the compound, a pair of two-story buildings behind gates and hedges in the Huairou district

of the northeastern Beijing suburbs, repeatedly declined requests for comment, saying they did not want to talk to foreign media.

It is not rare in China for managers to be held by workers demanding back pay or other benefits, often from their Chinese owners, though occasionally also involving foreign bosses.

The labor action reflects growing uneasiness among workers about their jobs amid China's slowing economic growth and the sense that growing labor costs make the country less attractive for some foreign-owned factories. The account about local officials coercing Starnes to meet workers' demands—if true—reflects how officials typically consider stifling unrest to be a priority.



## World

## Series of bomb attacks in Iraq kill at least 42



Shiite Muslim worshippers gather at the holy shrine of Imam Abbas during the annual festival of Shabaniyah, which marks the anniversary of the birth of the ninth-century Shiite leader known as the Hidden Imam, in Karbala, 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, June 24, 2013. AP

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—A series of evening bombings near markets in and around Baghdad and other blasts north of the capital killed at least 42 people and wounded dozens of others Monday in the latest eruption of bloodshed to rock Iraq.

The attacks were the latest in a wave of violence that has claimed more than 2,000 lives since the beginning of April. Militants, building on Sunni discontent with the Shiite-led government, appear to be growing stronger in central and northern Iraq.

The violence came as tens of thousands of Shiites poured into the holy city of Karbala,

80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Baghdad, for the annual festival of Shabaniyah, marking the anniversary of the birth of the ninth-century Shiite leader known as the Hidden Imam. Tight security measures were in force to try to prevent insurgent attacks on the worshippers.

One of the deadliest attacks came at night when two bombs placed near a market blew up less than a minute apart in Baghdad's mostly Shiite neighborhood of Husseinayah, killing ten people and wounding 30 others.

Police said the second bomb went off among a group of people who had gathered at the scene to help the victims of the first blast.

Bassem Hazim, a merchant from Husseinayah, said he was preparing for night prayers when he heard an explosion. He went out to see what happened.

"As we came near the blast site, a second bomb went off in the crowd. We helped carry some wounded people to the hospital. All the shops closed and all the shoppers fled, he

said, but "government officials are busy with trips abroad and contracts while the country is bleeding."

Earlier, police said that two car bombs exploded within minutes on a commercial street in the mixed neighborhood of Jihad in western Baghdad, killing nine people and wounding 21 others, police said.

Also, four people were killed and nine others were wounded when a car bomb exploded near a line of shops in the Shiite-dominated area of al-Shurta al-Rabeaa.

Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan Ibrahim said that al-Qaida is avoiding direct confrontation with the security forces and instead are choosing civilian targets.

"By attacking soft targets like markets, al-Qaida wants to send a message that they are still active and still capable of striking anywhere in Iraq," he said.

Police said a car bomb exploded near a supermarket on a main commercial street in the Shiite Karrada neighborhood, killing five people and wounding 16.

## Berlusconi convicted in sex-for-hire trial

**MILAN (AP)**—Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's flamboyant former premier, was sentenced to seven years in prison and banned from politics for life Monday for paying an underage prostitute for sex during infamous "bunga bunga" parties and forcing public officials to cover it up.

It was the most damaging setback yet for the 76-year-old Berlusconi, who has been tried numerous times for his business dealings but never before for his personal conduct.

Still, he vowed that his days as a political force are not over. He has two levels of appeal—and his supporters quickly rallied around him.

The charges against the billionaire media mogul resulted from what became widely known in Italy as "bunga bunga" parties hosted in 2010 by Berlusconi, then the sitting premier, at his villa near Milan, where he wine and dined beautiful young women.

Berlusconi's defense described the dinner parties as elegant soirees; prosecutors said they were sex-fueled gatherings that women were paid to attend. The woman at the center of the scandal, Karima el-Mahroug, better known as Ruby, has described aspiring showgirls stripping provocatively for the then-Italian leader.

Both Berlusconi and el-Mahroug denied ever having sex, and el-Mahroug says she never worked as a prostitute.

After the verdict, Berlusconi said in a message posted on Facebook that he believed he would be acquitted "because in the facts there is really no pos-

sibility to convict me."

He called the sentence "incredible, of a violence never seen or heard before, to try to eliminate me from the political life of this country." He pledged to "resist this persecution, because I am absolutely innocent, and I don't want in any way to abandon my battle to make Italy a truly free and just country."

The Milan criminal court's ruling was unexpectedly stiff, going further than the original charges and openly questioning whether many of the young women who testified in Berlusconi's defense had lied on the stand to protect him.

The panel of three judges, all women, said Berlusconi went beyond using his influence to cover up his relationship with the then-17-year-old Moroccan, as originally charged. They said he stepped in to win her release from police custody when she was accused of theft.

As a result, they added one year to the six requested by prosecutors.

The court also said it was turning over to prosecutors files containing the testimony of more than 30 young women who attended the now-infamous "bunga bunga" parties to investigate if they had lied under oath when they denied a sexual character to the gatherings.

Justice Minister Angelino Alfano, who is also secretary of Berlusconi's People of Liberty Party, said he told his political mentor to "hang in there, and keep moving on" in a phone call after the verdict.

Former Italian prime minister

**Silvio Berlusconi**

**Early life**

**Born** 1936, in Milan, Italy

**Education** Law degree from University of Milan, 1971

**Wealth** Amasses fortune as a real estate developer; establishes financial holding company; diversifies interests to create media empire

**Political leader**

**1994** Founds Forza Italia, a conservative political party; becomes prime minister, resigns after seven months

**2001-2006** Becomes prime minister again; support for the Iraq War and poor economy lead to his defeat

**2008-2011** Serves third term as prime minister; country faces crisis over debt in wake of global financial crisis

**Nov. 2011** Loses support of majority in parliament; steps down after parliament passes economic reforms, EU demands

**Recent troubles**

**Oct. 2012** Sentenced to four years in prison for tax evasion and is banned from holding public office for three years

**June 2013** Found guilty of having sex with an underage prostitute and abusing power of office; sentenced to seven years in jail and banned from public office; sentence can be appealed and process can last months

Source: The Times, Reuters, BBC, MCT Photo Service © 2013 MCT

## Snowden not on flight to Cuba; whereabouts unclear

**HAVANA (AP)**—Confusion over the whereabouts of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden grew on Monday after a jetliner flew from Moscow to Cuba with an empty seat booked in his name.

Aeroflot said earlier that Snowden had registered for the flight using his U.S. passport, which the United States recently annulled.

The founder of the WikiLeaks secrets-spilling organization, Julian Assange, insisted he couldn't go into details about

where Snowden was, but said he was safe.

Snowden has applied for asylum in Ecuador, Iceland and possibly other countries, Assange said.

An Aeroflot representative who wouldn't give her name told The Associated Press that Snowden didn't board Flight SU150 to Havana, which was filled with journalists trying to track him down. Two AP journalists on the flight confirmed after it arrived Monday evening in Havana that Snowden wasn't on the plane.

A member of the Aeroflot crew spoke briefly to reporters gathered outside Havana's Jose Marti International Airport, but would not give his name. "No special people on board," he said, smiling. "Only journalists."

Security around the aircraft was heavy prior to boarding in Moscow and guards tried to prevent the scrum of photographers and cameramen from taking pictures of the plane, heightening speculation that Snowden might have been secretly escorted on board.

broke down has fueled the debate about transparency versus the right to privacy.

Zuma's briefing was also an indicator of the extent to which reports on Mandela's health sometimes overshadow the business of the state. Under questioning, Zuma said President Barack Obama would go ahead with a visit to South Africa, despite concerns about Mandela's health.

"President Obama is visiting South Africa," Zuma said. "I don't think you stop a visit because somebody's sick."

give details of Mandela's condition, saying: "I'm not a doctor." The briefing came a day after the government said Mandela's condition had deteriorated and was now critical.

Monday's press gathering highlighted the tension between the government's reluctance to share more information about Mandela on the basis of doctor-patient confidentiality, and media appeals for thorough updates on a figure of global interest. The government's belated acknowledgment that an ambulance carrying Mandela to the hospital on June 8

## South Africa leader: Mandela 'asleep' during visit

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)**—South Africa's president on Monday said a critically ill Nelson Mandela was "asleep" when he visited the 94-year-old at the hospital, and he urged the country to pray for Mandela, describing him as the "father of democracy" who made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of his people.

President Jacob Zuma told dozens of foreign and South African journalists that doctors are doing everything possible to help the former president feel comfortable on his 17th day in a Pretoria hospital, but refused to



# Focus

## Hunkered down in a small apartment in Hong Kong, Edward Snowden was running out of options.

The United States had charged him with felonies under the Espionage Act and demanded that Hong Kong authorities arrest him. His trio of high-powered local lawyers had warned the former U.S. spy agency contractor he might be stuck in legal limbo for years - and possibly detained - if he stayed put and requested asylum in the city-state of Hong Kong, where authorities answer to China's central government in Beijing.

Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor accused of leaking secrets of U.S. electronic surveillance, already had spent nearly two weeks in hiding. He ventured out rarely, and only at night, according to a portrait of Snowden's stay in Hong Kong from an interview with one of his lawyers - Albert Ho, a former chairman of Hong Kong's Democratic Party.

Over pizza and chicken wings with his lawyers on Friday, his 30th birthday, Snowden agreed he had no choice. He would flee, and seek protection from the U.S. justice system elsewhere. He bought a plane ticket for Saturday night.

But he hesitated, according to Ho, even with a message via a third party that Snowden should feel free to leave.

It took another day for Snowden to decide he had no choice but to get on a plane. On Sunday, he flew out of Hong Kong, bound for Moscow - and kicked off a global pursuit that continued to unfold, with as many twists and turns as a spy novel.

The mystery of Snowden's precise whereabouts continued on Monday. He appeared to have purchased a ticket for a flight from Moscow to Cuba, but someone else occupied his seat. However, before the plane left, a white van approached and police stood by as a man in a white shirt climbed the stairs. This man could not be identified by reporters watching in the transit area.

### HOTEL TO PRIVATE FLAT

Snowden spent his first three weeks in Hong Kong in a five-star luxury hotel, the modernist Mira. He rarely left his room, hotel staff said, dining on room service. It was during this period that Snowden leaked his explosive revelations about the U.S. National Security Agency's international surveillance program to journalists from *The Washington Post* and Britain's *Guardian* newspaper.

The *Guardian* on June 9 post-



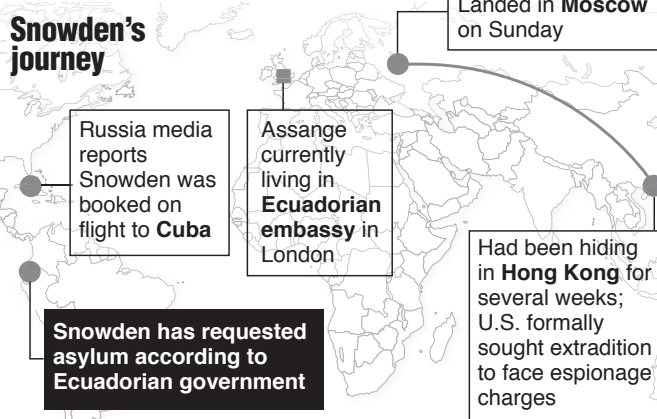
This photo provided by *The Guardian* in London shows Edward Snowden, who worked as a contract employee at the National Security Agency.

## Behind Snowden's Hong Kong exit: FEAR AND PERSUASION

By GREG TORODE  
Reuters

### Asylum in Ecuador

Ecuador, which has already granted asylum for WikiLeaks Founder Julian Assange, may also give former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden refuge.



### Ecuador's image

In offering asylum, Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa may be trying to redeem his record on free speech

- Ecuador expelled U.S. ambassador over diplomatic cables published by WikiLeaks alleging corruption within Ecuadorian police

Source: AP, BBC

- In a referendum, Correa obtained a mandate for constitutional reforms that could increase powers to constrain media and influence appointments and dismissals of judges

Graphic: Melina Yingling

- Correa has pardoned journalists he previously sued for libel; in televised statement said, "there is forgiveness, but it is not forgotten"

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day that his organization paid for Snowden's lodging in Hong Kong and his flight out. Assange said that Snowden was "bound for Ecuador," via Russia and perhaps other countries as well.

### THE GETAWAY

Snowden went absent from his job as an NSA contractor in Hawaii saying he needed medical leave. The ease with which he slipped out of the country with classified secrets has become a huge embarrassment to the United States.

U.S. officials filed sealed criminal charges against Snowden on June 14. The next day, U.S. officials, under an extradition agreement, asked Hong Kong authorities to detain Snowden as a prelude to a formal request from the Americans to extradite Snowden.

Such a process is normally simple, but Hong Kong authorities - in what U.S. officials perceived as a sign that Beijing was involved - moved slowly and requested clarification on some of the paper work.

The Hong Kong government's statement that "the documents provided by the U.S. Government did not fully comply with the legal requirements under Hong Kong law" was

considered unusual, according to a prominent barrister and extradition expert in Hong Kong who declined to be identified.

The barrister suggested that officials seemed to be trying to stall the proceedings, perhaps mindful of Beijing's influence and public opinion in Hong Kong that appeared to be sympathetic to Snowden's effort to expose U.S. government surveillance.

"The reason given by the Hong Kong authorities about a problem with the documents seems surprising, because there's a very low threshold to clear," the barrister told Reuters.

Last Wednesday, on June 19, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder personally called Hong Kong Secretary for Justice Rimsky Yuen to plead for swift movement to detain Snowden.

The next day, Snowden asked Ho for a favor: Would he approach Hong Kong authorities to feel out their position on the U.S. extradition request? Most important, could Ho find out whether Hong Kong officials would try to stop Snowden if he fled the peninsula?

Ho didn't get a response to his queries. But Ho said that an undisclosed third party soon approached an associate of Snowden, claiming to have a message from the government: Snowden should feel free to leave.

Snowden wasn't sure whether the message was reliable or trustworthy, Ho said.

But on Sunday, his lawyer Man accompanied Snowden to the airport. Man was there, Ho said, "to ensure (Snowden's) safe departure, or if he were detained at the airport, we would apply for bail or habeas corpus to seek his immediate release from detention."

Snowden also was joined by a representative of WikiLeaks, Sarah Harrison. He presented his passport and his ticket at the Aeroflot counter and checked in without a hitch. Later on Sunday, an official source said the United States had revoked Snowden's passport.

With that, Snowden was off to Moscow. And the U.S. government's pursuit of him veered to a new venue, with new complications.

WikiLeaks spokesman Kristinn Hrafnsson said the organization helped Snowden apply for asylum in Ecuador, Iceland and perhaps elsewhere.

As the hunt continued, WikiLeaks founder Assange told reporters that Snowden was safe, healthy and in contact with his legal team. "He is in a safe place," Assange said, "and his spirits are high."

tive director of Vision First, a group helping asylum seekers in the city of more than 7 million people. Tibbo is a director of the group.

But even as he worked with his team of lawyers, Snowden

also was working another angle. He had made contact with the team from WikiLeaks, the loose-knit global group committed to disclosing secrets.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange told reporters Mon-



# Campus Life

## Study: Minority, poor students gain from charters

By CAROLYN THOMPSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charter schools benefit students from poor families, black students and Hispanic English-language learners more than their peers in other groups, a study shows.

Overall, charter school students are faring better than they were four years ago, surpassing those in traditional public schools in reading gains and keeping pace in math, according to the National Charter School Study by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University.

The study, released Tuesday, updated and expanded upon 2009 findings comparing student performance on standardized reading and math tests. The 2013 study included 25 states, the District of Columbia and

New York City, the nation's biggest city, which was considered separately from upstate New York because of its huge number of students. Together, the studied places enroll 95 percent of the nation's 2.3 million charter school students.

"The results reveal that the charter school sector is getting better on average and that charter schools are benefiting low-income, disadvantaged and special-education students," CREDO Director Margaret Raymond said.

Researchers did not look into why specific groups benefited more, but charter schools' greater freedom to direct resources toward specific needs was seen as a factor.

The average charter school student showed reading gains equivalent to those that would be expected from an extra eight days of school compared to

traditional school students, the study said. Math gains were about equal among the two groups. The results were much improved from the 2009 study, when charter students lost the equivalent of seven days of learning in English and 22 days in math.

"We think that the level of improvement is really noteworthy given that it's only been a few years," Raymond said.

The gains were helped by the closure of 8 percent of the schools included in the 2009 analysis because they were underperforming, she said.

The report calls closing low-performing schools "the strongest tool available to ensure quality across the sector."

American Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten said the findings show that charter schools

have failed to live up to "the leaps and bounds that were promised" in student performance.

"We should use the CREDO findings as an opportunity to pause and ask ourselves why we keep pitting charter schools against neighborhood public schools—a strategy that has created little more than a disruptive churn," Weingarten said.

When broken down into groups, the study showed that black students gained the equivalent of 14 days of learning by attending charter schools but that black students living in poverty saw even greater benefits, the equivalent of 29 days in reading and 36 days in math. Hispanic English-language learners saw even higher gains, though Hispanics in general scored similarly to Hispanics in traditional public schools.

White charter school students posted lower growth scores in reading and math than traditional public school peers, the study found. But noting a trend toward specialty charter schools in affluent white communities, the reading and math scores alone may not paint a full picture of the schools' performance, researchers said. Students may have started out above average and showed smaller gains in those subjects while gaining in other areas such as language or arts, they said.

The study analyzed student data from Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

## Palau college offers kids program for summer



The Kids Program at the Palau Community College gives elementary school students from third grade to eighth grade the opportunity to improve their learning abilities through summer classes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Division of Continuing Education at Palau Community College is offering a Kids Program for the summer of 2013. Elementary school students, from third grade to eighth grade, are given the opportunity to improve their learning abilities through summer classes.

The summer classes are designed to enhance each student's learning capability by improving their writing skills, reading skills, and mathematical skills.

In addition, students experience a cultural richness through activities such as basket-weaving and traditional chanting. Classes that involve marine science allow students to appreciate the natural environment of their islands.

The program began on June 5, 2013, and will continue on to June 28, 2013. By the end of the summer program, participating students are expected to have fostered new skills as well as improve their study habits benefiting their overall learning experience. (PCC)

## Sailors, airmen volunteer at Upi Elementary School

By COLEEN R. SAN NICOLAS-PEREZ  
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**YIGO, Guam**—Sailors and airmen in Guam took time out of their busy days to fill the role as judges at the Upi Elementary School science fair in April.

Through the military's community relations program, service members have developed positive partnerships with the various public schools on island.

"I love to work with the kids," said Airman 1st Class Jacob Rickards, 36th Munitions Squadron. "Kids are pretty much what the future is gonna be so I figure if I can have an impact on it, it would make me feel good about myself at the end of the day."

The judges interviewed more than 50 students in kindergarten to fifth grade about their science projects.

"It's a very rewarding experience to see a child's eyes that they're actually learning and see that light bulb go off that they have an idea and you think is great," said Lt. j.g. William Burtke, a pilot with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25.

School officials said integrating service members into the event is benefi-

cial to the students.

"I think it's really good for the kids so they can see different types of careers that are available to them when

they're older," said Mary Jane Cruz, a first-grade teacher at the school and the science fair chairperson. "It's a good diversity for the kids."



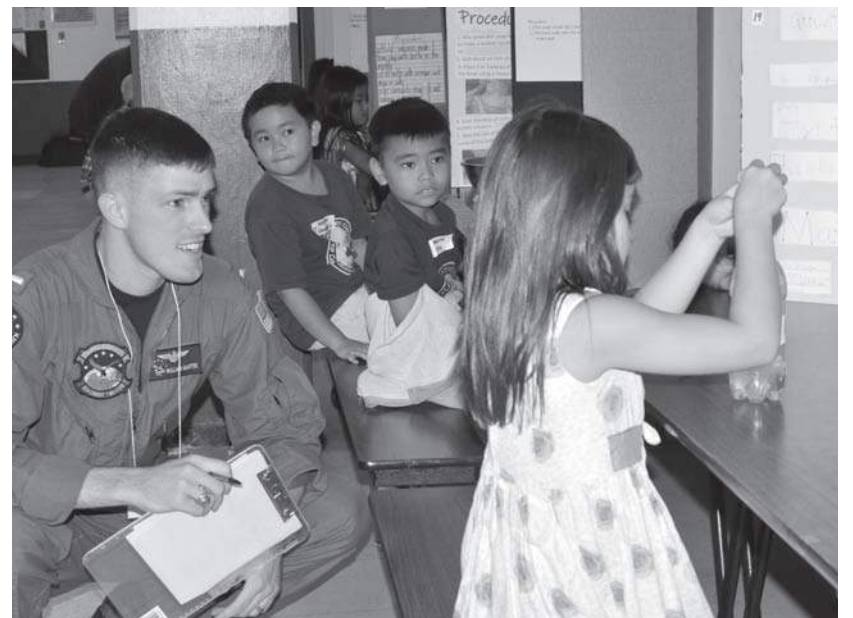
U.S. NAVY/REYNALDO RABARA

Lt. J.G. Burch Thornley, a pilot assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, and fellow volunteer judges asks questions to a Upi Elementary School student during a science fair April 19. The Navy's community relations program promotes volunteerism and citizenry.

Service members volunteer with schools and non-profit organizations on a regular basis as a means to network with island residents.

"The interaction is really big especially here on Guam," said Lt. j.g. Burch

Thornley, a pilot assigned to HSC-25. "There is such a strong military presence. Being able to interact—military to community—really shows we are all here to support each other and make sure we're doing good things for the community."



U.S. NAVY/REYNALDO RABARA

Lt. J.G. William Bartek, a pilot assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25, watches a student demonstrate her science project at Upi Elementary School April 19. Several Sailors and airmen volunteered to be judges at the school's annual science fair.



## Life & Style

# Angelina Jolie urges world to end rape in war

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Angelina Jolie made her debut before the U.N.'s most powerful body as a special envoy for refugees Monday and urged the world's nations to make the fight against rape in war a top priority.

The actress told the Security Council that "hundreds of thousands—if not millions—of women, children and men have been raped in conflicts in our lifetimes."

Jolie, a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. high commissioner for refugees, said the Security Council has witnessed 67 years of wars and conflict since it was established "but the world has yet to take up warzone rape as a serious priority."

"You set the bar," she told the council. "If the...council sets rape and sexual violence in conflict as a priority it will become one and progress will be made. If you do not, this horror will continue."

British Foreign Secretary William Hague, who presided over the meeting, stressed that "in conflicts in nearly every corner of the globe, rape is used systematically and ruthlessly, in the almost certain knowledge that there will be no consequences for the perpetrators."

Soon after Jolie spoke, the council adopted a legally-binding resolution demanding the complete and immediate cessation of all acts of sexual violence by all parties to armed conflict. It noted that sexual violence can constitute a crime against humanity and a contributing act to genocide, called for improved monitoring of sexual violence in conflict, and urged the U.N. and donors to assist survivors.

It was the broadest resolution adopted by the council on the sexual violence in conflict. Hague said Britain plans to follow-up by convening a global gathering during the annual General Assembly meeting of world leaders in September to keep up the pressure for action.

Hague said at a discussion



In this photo provided by the United Nations, actress Angelina Jolie makes her debut before the Security Council at the U.N. headquarters as a special envoy for refugees to urge the world's nations to make the fight against rape in war a top priority, Monday June 24, 2013.

later at the Ford Foundation that his prime motivation for pressing for global action against sexual violence was the 1990s war in Bosnia, partly because of an adviser but also because of Jolie's 2011 film, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*, about former lovers who end up on the opposite sides of the conflict. He said he arranged the film's British premiere at the Foreign Office and has been campaigning with Jolie since then, including a visit to Congo in March, "to move the stigma and the shame from the victim to the perpetrator."

"The time has come for the world to take a strong and determined stand to make clear that the systematic use of rape as a weapon is not acceptable in the modern world and our objective

is to change the entire global attitude to these issues," Hague said.

Getting the whole world talking about sexual violence in conflict and the need to punish perpetrators not victims "will shift attitudes—maybe over a period of years, but we have begun," he said.

Jolie, who has traveled extensively in her role as goodwill ambassador, recalled several of the survivors she had met—the mother of a 5-year-old girl raped outside a police station in Goma in eastern Congo, and a Syrian woman she spoke to in Jordan last week who asked to hide her name and face "because she knew that if she spoke out about the crimes against her she would be attacked again, and possibly killed."

## Source: Sequel to Pitt's 'World War Z' is in works

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Brad Pitt is getting his action franchise after all.

A person close to Pitt's "World War Z" told The Associated Press on Monday that Paramount Pictures is likely to develop a sequel to the apocalyptic zombie thriller. The person was not authorized to announce the plans and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"World War Z," based on Max Brooks' novel, was always intended to spawn a trilogy for Pitt, who stars as a United Nations inspector. But that seemed in doubt when the film ran significantly

over budget, the ending had to be reshot and reports of turmoil among the filmmakers surfaced.

But the film opened strongly over the weekend, earning \$66.4 million domestically and another \$45.8 million internationally. That put it on course to easily recoup its production budget of about \$200 million. Reviews, too, have been mostly positive, and the film earned a B+ CinemaScore from moviegoers over the weekend.

Pitt, who's also a producer on

the film, has spent recent weeks traveling around the world to aggressively promote "World War Z." When asked about the possibility of sequels in an interview last week, Pitt said there was plenty of fodder.

"We've got so many good story lines stemming from the book or inspired by the book and then just generated from our own powwows," he said. "It might still be fun. We've got enough material, that's for sure."



Pitt

"Let us be clear what we are speaking of: Young girls raped and impregnated before their bodies are able to carry a child, causing fistula," Jolie said, referring to an injury caused by violent rapes that tear apart the flesh separating the bladder and rectum from the vagina, leaving the girls unable to control their bowels or bladder.

She continued: "Boys held at gunpoint and forced to sexually assault their mothers and sisters. Women raped with bottles, wood branches and knives to cause as much damage as possible. Toddlers and even babies dragged from their homes, and violated."

Zainab Hawa Bangura, the U.N. special envoy on sexual violence in conflict, told the council that two weeks ago she visited Bosnia where an estimated 50,000 women were victims of rape and other forms of sexual violence during the war, but only a handful of perpetrators have been prosecuted.

Later, at the Ford Foundation, she said that on an African trip with Hague, she visited the village of Mambasa in eastern Congo's Ituri district

where 11 babies aged 6 to 12 months had been raped, 59 children aged 1 to 3 years old had been raped and 182 girls aged 5 to 15 years old had been raped.

"Who will rape a baby?" Bangura asked. "It means you want to wipe the community away. That's the only explanation you can have."

Jolie pleaded with the Security Council—and all countries—to implement the resolution and not let the issue drop.

"Meet your commitments, debate this issue in your parliaments, mobilize people in your countries, and build it into all your foreign policy efforts," she urged. "Together, you can turn the tide of global opinion, shatter impunity and finally put an end to this abhorrence."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon paid tribute to Jolie for being the voice of millions forced to flee their homes "and now for the many survivors of wartime rape whose bodies have been used as battlegrounds."

He called on all leaders to apprehend and prosecute perpetrators "and be part of a global coalition of champions determined to break this evil."

### MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

## Our Heartfelt Appreciation

Love, Peace and Happiness lives in each memory, thoughts, prayers and support to all families and friends who shared with us during our trying time and sorrow of our beloved Mother, Cecilia Camacho Pangelinan.

We the children, reared children and grandchildren extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who have joined us in prayers, masses and rosaries in California, Florida, Texas, Arizona, Washington, Guam and here in Saipan.

Our special thanks goes out to Father Rey Telic, Clergy, Envia Tu, Spiritu Choir, the Techas, Marilyn P. Jones (California) and Rita B. Celis, Donald B. Mendiola, Winnie C. Camacho (Saipan) Borja Funeral Home, Delbert T. Pua, Natibu's Kitchen, Get Covered Enterprises, MIM James P. Reyes and J&M Enterprise.

Love lives forever in our hearts and peace be with you every day. We thank you all.

From us children, Lawrence, Larry, Ignacio Jr., Victoria, Vacian, Lianny & Family





# Smithfield drops Paula Deen as spokeswoman

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Paula Deen lost another part of her empire on Monday: Smithfield Foods said it is dropping her as a spokeswoman.

The announcement came days after the Food Network said it would not renew the celebrity cook's contract in the wake of revelations that she used racial slurs in the past.

Smithfield sold Paula Deen-branded hams in addition to using her as a spokeswoman. In a statement, the company said it "condemns the use of offensive and discriminatory language and behavior of any kind. Therefore, we are terminating our partnership with Paula Deen."

QVC also said it was reviewing its deal with Paula Deen Enterprises to sell the star's cookbooks and cookware.

"QVC shares the concerns being raised around the unfortunate Paula Deen situation," QVC said in a statement. "We are closely monitoring these events and the ongoing litigation. We are reviewing our business relationship with Ms. Deen, and in the meantime, we have no immediate plans to have her appear on QVC."

Several retailers, which sell



Paula Deen cookware, were taking a wait-and-see approach.

Sears Holdings Corp. said

it "is currently exploring next steps as they pertain to Ms. Deen's products." Target

Corp. said it is "evaluating the situation." Meyer Corp., which produces the cookware

under the Paula Deen brand, declined to comment.

Marty Brochstein, senior vice president of The Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association, a trade group, said stores may have a tougher time determining whether to cut ties with Deen than Smithfield and the Food Network, where she has a public role.

"Once you take the wrapper off, her name isn't necessarily on every piece of merchandise," Brochstein said. "As a

retailer or as a licensee, you have to evaluate. But you're probably not going to gain anything by overreacting."

Brochstein said that stores are likely closely watching sales of the merchandise and monitoring social media as they gauge how consumers are responding.

"We're in the midst of this. It hasn't played out," he added.

Deen's rapid fall from favor came after the 66-year-old Food Network star admitted in a deposition in a discrimination lawsuit that she used racial slurs in the past. Deen was asked under oath if she had ever used the N-word. "Yes, of course," Deen said, though she added, "It's been a very long time."

Deen insisted she and her family do not tolerate prejudice, and in a videotaped apology, she asked fans and critics for forgiveness. It had been posted online for about an hour when the Food Network released a terse statement that it "will not renew Paula Deen's contract when it expires at the end of this month." The network declined to comment further.

Las Vegas-based Caesars Entertainment Corp., which has Deen's restaurants in some of its casinos, said Friday that it "will continue to monitor the situation." Publisher Ballantine, which has a new Deen book scheduled to roll out this fall, used similar words.

Earlier Monday, NBC's Matt Lauer said Deen would appear Wednesday on "Today." Last week she abruptly canceled on the morning show before posting her videotaped apologies.

## Writer who sued over 'Da Vinci Code' dies in UK

**LONDON (AP)**—Writer Michael Baigent, who gained attention for launching a lawsuit contending that "The Da Vinci Code" stole ideas from his own book, has died of a brain hemorrhage at age 65, his literary agent said Monday.

Baigent is best-known for writing the 1982 nonfiction book "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail," which explores theories that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, the couple had a child and the bloodline survives. In 2006 Baigent and co-author Richard Leigh made international headlines when they sued Dan Brown's publisher for copyright infringement, claiming that Brown "appropriated the architecture" of their book in a high-profile London court case they eventually lost.

Baigent's family said the author, who was from New Zealand, died on Jun. 17 in Brighton in southern England.

The 2006 copyright case saw Brown flying to London to be cross-examined by lawyers. While acknowledging that he read "Holy Blood" during research for "Da Vinci," Brown said he also used many other resources and that Baigent and

Leigh's work was not crucial to the novel.

Though Baigent lost the case, it boosted publicity for his work and sales of "Holy Blood"—his first book—jumped as a result.

The author penned about a dozen other nonfiction books and a novel, specializing in topics including secret sects and historical mysteries. "The Messianic Legacy" was a sequel to "Holy Blood"; "The Temple and The Lodge" explored the origins of Freemasonry. He also wrote about the Inquisition, ancient astrology, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Michael Feran Baigent was born in Nelson, New Zealand, in 1948. After graduating with a degree in psychology he worked as a photographer and a magazine editor in Australia, New Zealand and Spain, before taking up research for a documentary called "The Shadow of the Templars."

From 1998 he lectured on and led tours of the temples and tombs in Egypt, and from 2001 he was editor of the magazine "Freemasonry Today."

He is survived by his wife, Jane, their two daughters, a stepdaughter and a stepson.

## Carrey says 'Kick-Ass 2' too violent after Newtown

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Jim Carrey is distancing himself from his own movie, saying the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre changed his perspective on the violence in his upcoming action comedy "Kick-Ass 2."

The actor filmed his part in the superhero vigilante film a month before December's mass shooting in Connecticut that killed 20 children and six adults. But weeks before it opens in theaters, Carrey took the highly unusual step of condemning the violence of a film he stars in.

"Now in all good conscience I cannot support that level of violence," Carrey said Sunday

on Twitter.

He apologized to others in the film and added: "I am not ashamed of it but recent events have caused a change in my heart."

"Kick-Ass 2" is a sequel to the 2010 movie whose breakout star was the 11-year-old fighting machine Hit-Girl, played by Chloe Moretz. She reprises the role in the sequel, which Universal Pictures will release Aug. 16. Carrey plays a vigilante named Colonel Stars and Stripes.



Carrey

A spokesman for Universal said the studio declined to comment. But a producer on the film, Mark Millar, who wrote the "Kick-Ass" comic books the movies are based on, responded in a lengthy blog post saying he's "baffled" by Carrey's announcement.

"Yes, the body count is very high, but a movie called 'Kick-Ass 2' really has to do what it says on the tin," wrote Millar. "A sequel to the picture that gave us Hit-Girl was always going to have some blood

on the floor and this should have been no shock to a guy who enjoyed the first movie so much."

Millar said the film "isn't a documentary," and questioned whether violence in fiction is connected to real-life violence "any more than Harry Potter casting a spell creates more boy wizards."

Carrey was outspoken about gun violence following the Sandy Hook shooting. In February when gun sales were increasing, he tweeted that anyone "who would run out to buy an assault rifle after the Newtown massacre has very little left in their body or soul worth protecting."

## 'I Am Legend' author Richard Matheson dies at 87

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Richard Matheson, the prolific sci-fi and fantasy writer whose "I Am Legend" and "The Shrinking Man" were transformed into films, has died. He was 87.

A spokesman for the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films said Matheson died Sunday in Los Angeles. No other details were provided.

With a career spanning more than 60 years, Matheson crafted stories that deftly transitioned from the page to both the big and small screens. Several of his works were adapted into films, including 1953's "Hell House," 1956's "The Shrinking Man," 1958's "A Stir of Echoes" and 1978's "What Dreams May Come."

Matheson's 1954 sci-fi vampire novel "I Am Legend" inspired three different

film adaptations: 1964's "The Last Man on Earth" starring Vincent Price, 1971's "Omega Man" starring Charlton Heston and 2007's "I Am Legend" starring Will Smith.

Matheson was also responsible for writing several episodes of "The Twilight Zone," as well as editions of "The Alfred Hitchcock Hour," "Rod Serling's Night Gallery," "The Martian Chronicles" and "Amazing Stories." His "Twilight Zone" installments included "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," which featured William Shatner as an airplane passenger who spots a creature on a plane's wing, as well as "Steel," which inspired the 2011 film "Real Steel" starring Hugh Jackman.

"I loved Richard Matheson's writing, and it was a huge honor getting to adapt his story 'Button, Button' into a film," posted

"Donnie Darko" and "The Box" director Richard Kelly on Twitter on Monday.

Matheson influenced several generations of storytellers. Among them were Stephen King, who dedicated his 2006 novel "Cell" to Matheson, and Steven Spielberg, whose first feature-length film was the made-for-TV movie "Duel," based on the Matheson short story of the same name.

"Richard Matheson's ironic and iconic imagination created seminal science-fiction stories and gave me my first break when he wrote the short story and screenplay for 'Duel,'" said Spielberg in a statement. "His 'Twilight Zones' were among my favorites, and he recently worked with us on 'Real Steel.' For me, he is in the same category as (Ray) Bradbury and

(Isaac) Asimov."

Matheson was scheduled to receive the visionary award at the Academy of Science Fiction, Horror and Fantasy Films' Saturn Awards on Wednesday. The organization said the award will be presented posthumously and the 39th annual ceremony would be dedicated to Matheson.

"We are heartbroken to lose a writer of towering talent, unlimited imagination and unparalleled inspiration," said Robert Holguin, the academy's president. "Richard was a genius whose visions helped bring legitimacy and critical acclaim to science fiction and fantasy. He was also a longtime supporter of the academy, and everyone associated with the Saturn Awards feels emptier today to learn of this enormous loss."

Matheson is survived by his wife and four children.



## Tightrope walk over Ariz. gorge draws 13M viewers

**LITTLE COLORADO RIVER GORGE, Ariz.** (AP)—Aerialist Nik Wallenda's tightrope walk over a gorge near the Grand Canyon drew nearly 13 million viewers to the live television broadcast.

The Discovery Channel said Monday that the quarter-mile stunt at the Little Colorado River Gorge was among the most highly viewed shows in the station's history.

It also prompted 1.3 million tweets Sunday, making it one of the top trending topics.

Wallenda took 22 minutes to cross the 2-inch-thick steel cable, 1,500 feet above the dry river bed. He did it without a harness or safety net.

The well-known daredevil contended with the wind and repeatedly called on God to calm the swaying cable.

He wore a microphone and two cameras, one that looked down on the river bed and one that faced straight ahead.



Aerialist Nik Wallenda near the end of his quarter mile walk over the Little Colorado River Gorge in north-eastern Arizona on Sunday, June 23, 2013.

## Musical inspired by Tupac Shakur songs being born

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A musical inspired by the music of Tupac Shakur hopes to bring gangsta rap to a Broadway stage.

A workshop of "Holler If Ya Hear Me" is currently under way in New York under the direction of Kenny Leon, who helmed the Broadway hits "Fences" and "The Mountaintop." The new musical sets Shakur's music to an origi-

nal story and hopes to be ready for the 2013-2014 Broadway season.

Producers said Monday the musical is set in a Midwestern industrial city during present time and tells the story of two childhood friends "as they struggle to reconcile the challenges and



**Tupac Shakur**

realities of their daily lives with their hopes, dreams and ambitions."

Rapper and actor Shakur, who had multimillion-seller albums like "2Pacalypse Now" and "All Eyez on Me," was killed in September 1996 as he sat in a car in Las Vegas. He was

25 and known for his raw lyrics that drew on the rage of a coarse urban existence.

The new musical has a book by Todd Kreidler, who was a dramaturg for "Radio Golf" and "Gem of the Ocean," and choreography by Tony Award-winner Wayne Cilento of "Wicked" and "Sweet Charity." Afeni Shakur, the late artists' mother, is a producer.

## Marriage, the sequel for 'Star Wars' creator Lucas

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—It's marriage, Episode II for George Lucas.

A Lucasfilm spokeswoman confirms the "Star Wars" creator married longtime girlfriend Mellody Hobson in a weekend ceremony at Skywalker Ranch north of San Francisco.

It's the second wedding for the 69-year-old Lucas, who was married to film editor Marcia Lucas from 1969 to 1983.

It's the first marriage for Hobson, 44, an investment firm president and contributor to ABC TV's "Good Morning America." The two have dated since 2006. Former U.S. Sen.



In this June 16, 2013 file photo, George Lucas, left, and longtime girlfriend Mellody Hobson arrive at the 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Disney renames Mouseketeer stage for Funicello

**BURBANK, Calif.** (AP)—The stage at Walt Disney Studios where "The Mickey Mouse Club" was filmed is now officially the Annette Funicello Stage.

Disney chief Bob Iger led a ceremony Monday dedicating the soundstage to Funicello, the Mouseketeer-turned-movie star who died in April at age 70.

Iger confessed to having a crush on Funicello when he was growing up, as many who watched the perky brunette on TV did.

Former Mouseketeers, Funicello's family and colleagues and Mickey Mouse himself also participated in Monday's dedication. Frankie Avalon, Richard Sherman and Leonard Maltin were among those honoring the late actress.

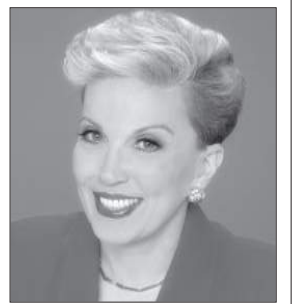
Julie Andrews is the only other entertainer to have a namesake stage at Disney studios.

This circa 1955 publicity photo released by The Walt Disney Company shows Annette (Annette Funicello) as a Mouseketeer from the Original Mickey Mouse Club.



## Tradition of ringing bells is revived for Fourth of July

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



*Dear Abby*

**DEAR ABBY:** President John F. Kennedy proclaimed the ringing of the bells nationwide on Independence Day, July 4, 1963, with the words, "Let's ring freedom bells!" I was a White House special projects aide at the time, and I recall vividly how exciting it was when bells rang throughout the nation.

I'm writing now to ask your help in getting the American people to ring bells again on this Fourth of July, and each Fourth every year from now on.

As a grateful American, I hope to resurrect this proud tradition. Let us tune in with each other and our history by ringing bells at 2 p.m. this July 4 in honor of the 237th anniversary of our independence. Encourage churches and civic buildings with bells to ring them. It doesn't cost any money to do it.

The first groups to support this national effort include baseball teams, the National Cartoonists Society, and the Iron Workers, Firefighters and Sheet Metal Workers unions along with other AFL-CIO affiliates.

As we celebrate our freedom, let us also honor the lives of those who sacrificed theirs for our precious liberty. Your millions of readers can help "let freedom ring."

**CARMELLA LaSPADA,**  
FOUNDER, NO GREATER LOVE

**DEAR CARMELLA:** I'm pleased to join you in this national effort. Readers, engraved on the Liberty Bell are the words, "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof." So let's do it. Shake any bell you happen to have. Our freedom is something to celebrate!

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating a married man for more than a year. He's my boss. "Gerry" has two kids with his wife and two more outside the marriage.

I have never been the type to date someone else's man, nor do I approve of it. I know that what I'm doing is wrong, but at times it just feels so right. We do everything together and enjoy each other's company.

Is it possible for him to be in love with us both? Why do men cheat?

**THE OTHER WOMAN IN ALABAMA**

**DEAR OTHER WOMAN:** What you're doing with your boss may "feel" right, but as you clearly stated, it is wrong. It isn't fair to his wife, or to you or his children. While the two of you are doing "everything" together, he is cheating all four of his children of time that should be spent being a parent to them.

As to whether this man is in love with you and his wife, frankly I doubt it. He appears to be more in love with himself. Men cheat for a variety of reasons, and more often than not, it's more about the cheater than the spouse. Consider that fact carefully before wasting any more precious years with him, because you will never get them back.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband needed a car to replace the old one, so he insisted on a manual transmission, which I don't know how to drive. Do you think that's fair?

He said, "Oh, you can learn." I am 58 and nervous, and I have heard it said that many a clutch got burned out by "learning." I don't want to do that. What do you say?

**SHIRLEY IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR SHIRLEY:** While I understand your concern about a stick shift, your husband has told you you can learn to use one. I recommend that you learn by driving his car.

While many a gear may have been stripped by a novice driver, some have not. Think of it this way: You may be a natural. And if you're not—well, he asked for it.

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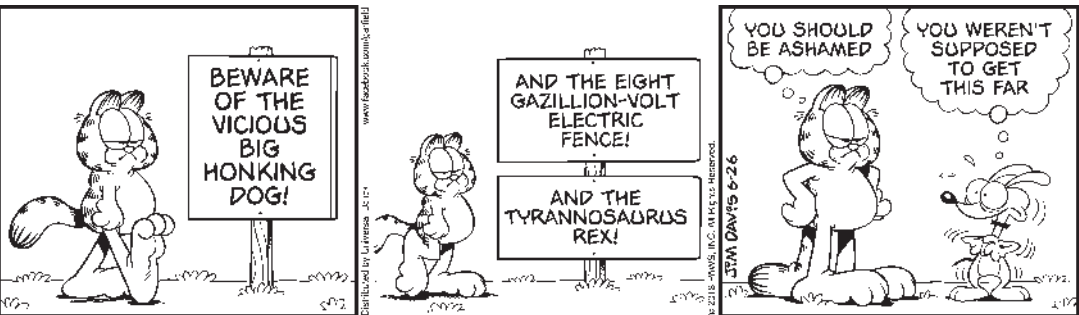
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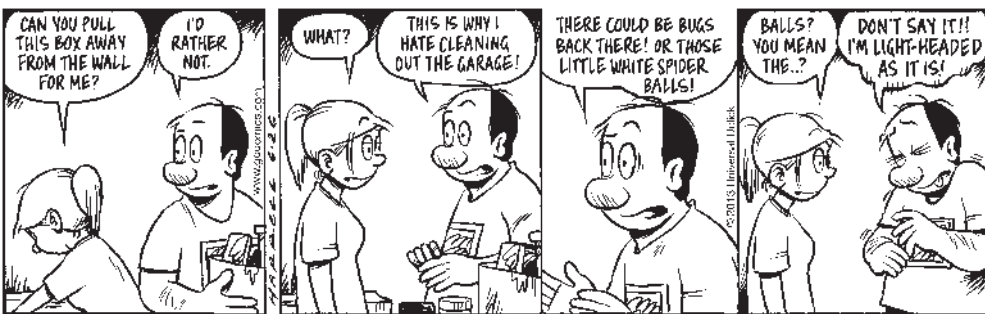
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Yesterday's answer 6-26

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Schwartzman, 33; Derek Jeter, 39; Ryan Tedder, 34; Chris O'Donnell, 43

**Happy Birthday:** Impulse is not the answer. Live in the moment and embrace whatever comes your way. Do your best to see the big picture, be reasonable and act in the best interests of both you and your loved ones. Express your feelings openly and listen to the opinions of those who have been reliable in the past. Your numbers are 7, 10, 12, 23, 28, 33, 40.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your ability to find solutions will be impressive. Sharing your insight will attract proposals and interest from people with unique backgrounds. Your financial future will be dependent on the people you choose to do business with. A trip will change your future. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your kindness and dependability will help you avoid an emotional issue that is festering. Spend more time on work, communication and romantic relationships and less on gossip or with people who are meddling. An unexpected financial change is evident. \*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Activity and physical challenge will be your best outlet and also lead to a new friendship with someone sharing your concerns and personal goals. A change in your routine will pump up enthusiasm to expand your interests. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Keep life simple. You'll be inclined to take on too much or overspend without thinking. Slow down and make a concerted effort to find out all

the information you require to make a wise choice. Love is highlighted but must not lead to overspending. \*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Check out your options. You may be eager to embrace personal or partnership changes, but before you do, consider how it will affect your family, friends or your reputation. Keeping your plans a secret will be in your best interest. \*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Engage in activities that will subject you to people who think differently or have a unique way of doing things. What you learn and gain will help you feel less insecure and uncertain about the way you do things in the future. \*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Proceed with caution, especially if what you are doing can influence your personal or your professional reputation. Stick to what's important to finish and rethink any options you have that might be difficult to reverse or cause regret. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A money matter, contract settlement or health issue is likely to be emotionally draining. Get past any negative incidents by taking a positive and proactive approach. Love and romance are in the stars and should be favored over controversy or a setback. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen carefully or you may misinterpret something being offered. A change in how you handle money will make a difference. Creative accounting or a smart investment will help you stretch your currency. Stick to the truth and the facts. \*\*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Employ caution when dealing with relationships or your assets. You may feel the need to make abrupt changes, but be reluctant if you don't have all the facts required to make a sound decision. Love is on the rise. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional matters will have an unusual twist that can push you into action. Stay calm and refuse to commit to anything until you have proof that it's worth your while to make a move. Ask questions and do your research. \*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look past any minor annoyances. Spend time having fun with friends, family or peers and you'll avoid regret. Use your imagination and you will come up with ideas, solutions and suggestions that will add to your popularity. Love is prominent. \*\*\*

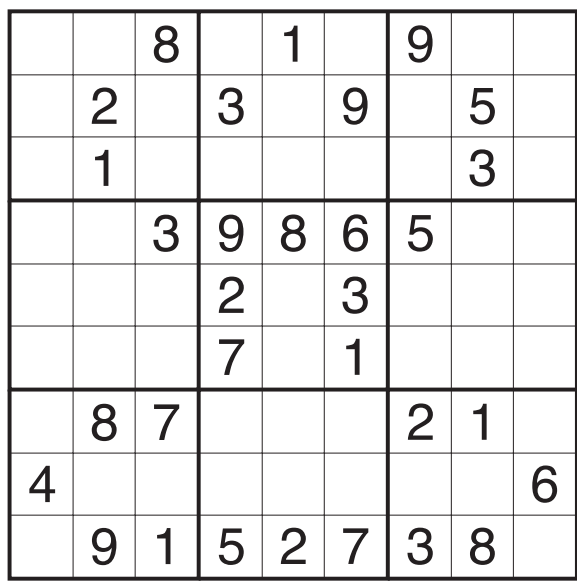
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By Dave Green

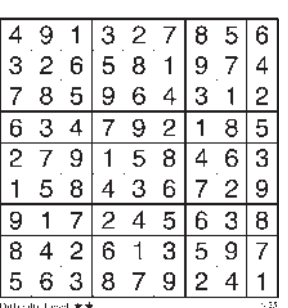


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# Blackhawks stage late rally to win Stanley Cup



**BOSTON (AP)—** Two goals. Seventeen seconds apart. A second Stanley Cup victory in four seasons for the Chicago Blackhawks.

Seventy-six seconds away from defeat and a trip home for a decisive seventh game, Bryan Bickell tied it. Then, while the Bruins were settling in for another overtime in a series that has already had its share, Dave Bolland scored to give Chicago a 3-2 victory in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday night.

The back-to-back scores in about the time it takes for one good rush down the ice turned a near-certain loss into a championship clincher, stunning the Boston players and their fans and starting the celebration on the Blackhawks' bench with 59 seconds to play.

"We thought we were going home for Game 7. You still think you're going to overtime and you're going to try to win it there. Then Bolly scores a huge goal 17 seconds later," said Chicago forward Patrick Kane, who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as the postseason's most valuable player. "It feels like the last 58 seconds were an eternity."

The team that set an NHL record with a 24-game unbeaten streak to start the lockout-shortened season won three straight games after falling behind 2-1 in the best-of-seven finals, rallying from a deficit in the series and in its finale. Corey Crawford made 23 saves, and Jonathan Toews returned from injury to add a goal and an assist in the first finals between Original Six teams since 1979.

"I still can't believe that finish. Oh my God, we never quit," Crawford said. "I never lost confidence. No one in our room ever did."

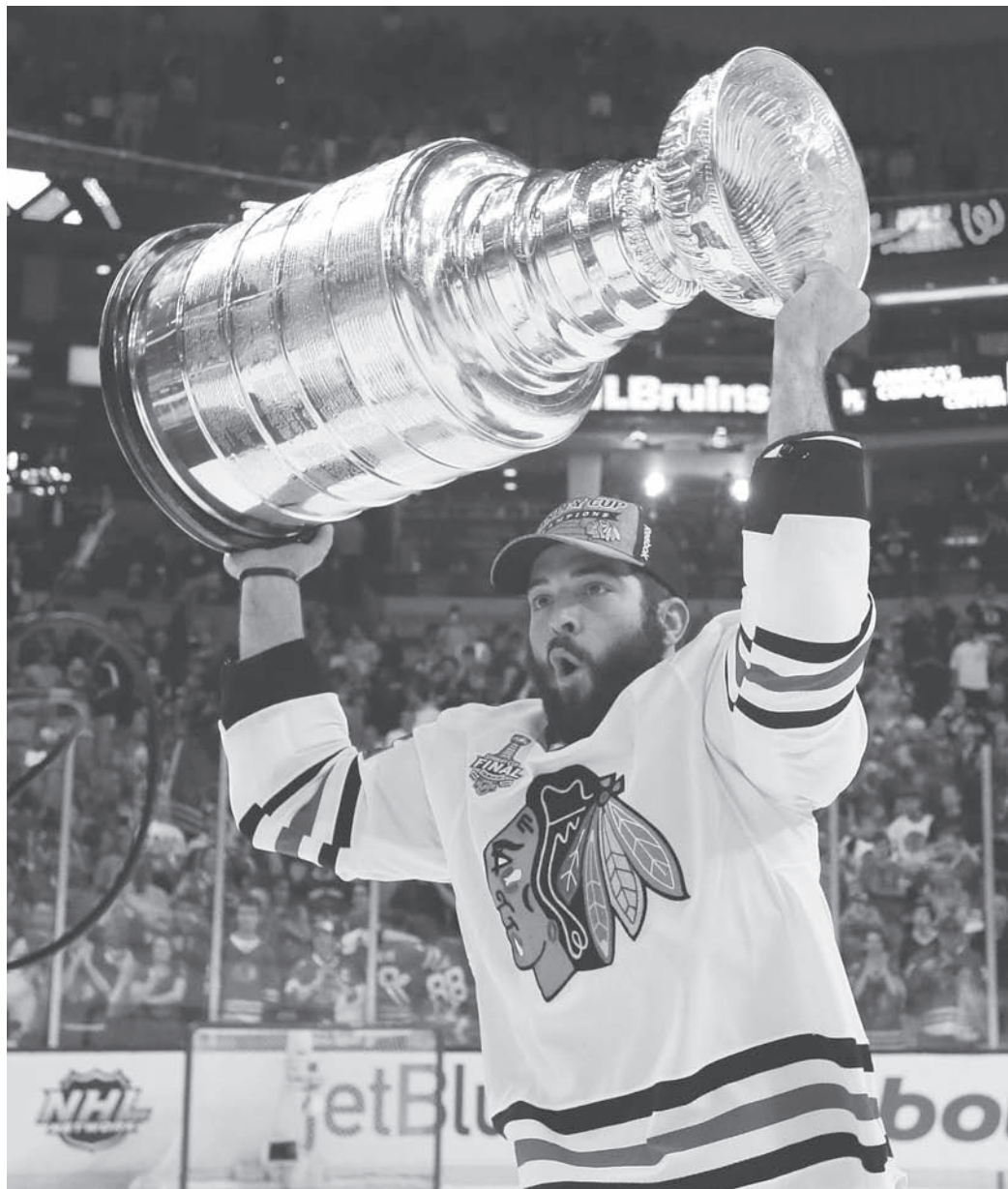
Trailing 2-1, Crawford went off for an extra skater and the Blackhawks converted when Toews fed it in front and Bickell scored from the edge of the crease to tie the score.

Perhaps the Bruins expected it to go to overtime, as three of the first four games in the series did. They sure seemed to be caught off-guard on the ensuing faceoff. Chicago skated into the zone, sent a shot on net and after it deflected off Michael Frolik and the post it went right to Bolland, who put it in the net.

The Blackhawks on the ice gathered in the corner, while those on the bench began jumping up and down. It was only a minute later, when Boston's Tukka Rask was off for an extra man, that Chicago withstood the Bruins' final push and swarmed over the boards, throwing their sticks and gloves across the ice.

"It's unbelievable, man," Crawford said. "So much hard work to get to this point. Great effort by everyone on the team."

The Bruins got 28 saves from Rask, who was hoping to contribute to an NHL title after



Chicago Blackhawks left wing Brandon Bollig hoists the Stanley Cup after the Blackhawks beat the Boston Bruins 3-2 in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals Monday, June 24, 2013, in Boston.

serving as Tim Thomas' backup when Boston won it all two years ago.

"It's obviously shocking when you think you have everything under control," Rask said quietly, standing at his locker with a blue baseball cap on backward and a towel draped over his shoulders.

The sold-out TD Garden had begun chanting "We want the Cup!" after Milan Lucic's goal put the Bruins up 2-1 with eight minutes left, but it fell silent after its team coughed up the lead. The team came out to salute its fans as they streamed out of the building for the last time, from the air conditioning into the summer air.

"Probably toughest for sure, when you know you're a little bit over a minute left and you feel that you've got a chance to get to a Game 7," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "And then those two goals go in quickly."

The arena was almost empty—except for a few hundred fans in red Blackhawks sweaters who filtered down to the front rows—when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman handed the 35-pound Cup to Toews, who left Game 5 with an undisclosed injury and wasn't confirmed for the lineup until the morning skate.

The Chicago captain skated the Cup right over the crease in which the Blackhawks mounted the comeback and in front of the fans in Blackhawks sweaters who lined the front row behind

the net. Toews banged on the glass while the remaining Bruins fans headed up the runways.

He then continued the tradition of handing it from player to player before the team settled to the side of the faceoff circle for a picture with the trophy they will possess for the next 12 months.

Just like in 2010, they won it in a Game 6 on the road.

"In 2010, we didn't really know what we were doing. We just, we played great hockey and we were kind of oblivious to how good we were playing," said Toews, who scored his third goal of the playoffs to tie it 1-1 in the second period, then fed Bickell for the score that tied it with 76 seconds to play.

"This time around, we know

definitely how much work it takes and how much sacrifice it takes to get back here and this is an unbelievable group," Toews said. "We've been through a lot together this year and this is a sweet way to finish it off."

The Blackhawks opened the season on a 21-0-3 streak and coasted to the Presidents' Trophy that goes to the team with the best regular-season record. But regular-season excellence has not translated into playoff success: Chicago is the first team with the best record to win the Cup since the 2008 Detroit Red Wings.

The Blackhawks went through Minnesota in five games and Detroit in seven, rallying in the Western Conference

semifinals from a 3-1 deficit and winning Game 7 in overtime. They got through the defending NHL champion Los Angeles Kings in five games to return to the Cup finals, where Boston was waiting.

Chicago won the first game at home in three overtimes but dropped Game 2—another overtime—and fell behind 2-1 in the series when it returned to Boston.

After that, it was all Blackhawks.

The tightly contested finals—with three games going a total of five overtimes—may help fans forget the lockout that shortened the season to 48 games and pushed back the opener to Jan. 19. That left the teams still playing ice hockey on a 95-degree day in Boston on June 24, matching the latest date in NHL history.

Fans in their Bruins sweaters filtered into the TD Garden to see the last game in Boston for the season with the hope there would be one more in Chicago: a seventh game just like two years ago, when the Bruins rallied from a 3-2 deficit, then won in Vancouver for their first NHL championship since 1972.

Both teams were bolstered by the return of star forwards, Selke Trophy winner Toews of Chicago and Patrice Bergeron, who was a finalist for the award given to the top defensive forward in the league. Both returned after missing the end of Game 5, but only Toews showed up in the box score.

Bergeron said afterward that he had a broken rib, torn cartilage in muscles, and added to that a separated shoulder on Monday night.

"It's the Stanley Cup Final. Everyone is banged up," Bergeron said. "It's tough to put words to describe how we're feeling right now. You work so hard just to get to this point and give yourself a chance to get the Cup. You feel like you're right there and you have a chance to force a Game 7, and definitely it hurts."

What had already been a physical series continued to take its toll, with Jaromir

Jagr—the NHL's active playoff scoring leader—and Andrew Shaw both going to the dressing room during the first period. Jagr's injury was not known, but Shaw deflected a slap shot from Shawn Thornton off his own right cheek and crumpled to the ice, leaving behind a pool of blood when he skated off.

Both returned, but Jagr again disappeared from the Boston bench in the second. Crawford also forced a stoppage of play when his mask came off following David Krejci's slap shot off his shoulder; the Chicago goalie appeared to need a little time to recover, but he stayed in the game.

"The whole playoffs. It wasn't just Chicago. It's going to be physical, grinding the whole playoffs," said Bruins captain Zdeno Chara, the 2009 Norris Trophy winner who was on the ice for 10 of the last 12 Chicago goals. "I think that first game we played them we knew it would be a close series. We just had that feeling. It went all the way to triple overtime. It was physical. It was close. At times a very fast game, (but) it was very, very even."

The Bruins, who never led in Games 4 and 5, took the lead seven minutes into the game when Tyler Seguin gloved a pass from Daniel Paille and controlled it, then backhanded it across the middle to Chris Kelly. He beat Crawford on the glove side to make it 1-0.

But the Blackhawks tied it early in the second when, as a Bruins power play was ending, Toews broke into the Boston zone on the right side. He had Kane in the middle and Shaw coming out of the box, but didn't need either one, rattling it in off the right post to make it 1-1.

It stayed that way until Lucic put Boston ahead with 7:49 left in the third.

The final series seemed headed for a Game 7 for the sixth time in 10 years before Bickell and Bolland turned it around.

"Dave Bolland, what else can you say about that guy?" Kane said. "He just shows up in big playoff games."

## Brian Shaw gets first crack at head coaching job



**DENVER (AP)—**At long last, Brian Shaw is getting his first chance to coach an NBA team.

The former guard for the Los Angeles Lakers and Phil Jackson pupil has agreed to succeed George Karl as coach of the Denver Nuggets, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Monday night because the deal hadn't been officially announced.

Still, it was the buzz of the basketball world.

"I think the Nuggets are going to benefit from his tenure,"

Jackson tweeted.

"So great to see Brian Shaw rewarded with this long overdue opportunity," Pacers coach Frank Vogel told The AP in a text. "Congrats to Brian and the Nuggets. Denver just got one of the best head coaches this league will see for years to come."

The *Denver Post* first announced the agreement with Shaw, the Indiana Pacers assistant who told the newspaper he's been "prepared by the best of the best" for his first NBA head coaching job, adding "I feel like I've waited and paid my dues."

Shaw is a longtime assistant who has interviewed about a dozen times for head coaching

positions but kept coming up short until Monday.

He beat out Lionel Hollins, the former Memphis Grizzlies coach.

The Nuggets called a news conference for Tuesday afternoon, where team president Josh Kroenke and newly hired general manager Tim Connelly will introduce their new coach.

Shaw replaces Karl, who was ousted June 6 just weeks after winning the league's Coach of the Year award.

Shaw inherits a young team loaded with talent that won a franchise-record 57 games but lost Danilo Gallinari to a knee injury down the stretch and bowed out

in the first round of the playoffs for the ninth time in 10 years.

Gallinari recently underwent surgery and is expected back in December.

The Nuggets have been a state of flux all summer after they were knocked off by the Golden State Warriors in six games in the first round of the playoffs.

First, Masai Ujiri, who engineered the win-win trade of Carmelo Anthony to the New York Knicks, left the Nuggets' front office for the GM job in Toronto. Ujiri was the league's Executive of the Year.

Less than a week later, Kroenke fired Karl.



# Nadal stunned at Wimbledon in 1st round by Darcis



**LONDON (AP)—** Just like that, in a span of 15 days, Rafael Nadal went from French Open champion for a record eighth time to first-round Grand Slam loser for the only time in his career.

Limping occasionally and slower than usual, but unwilling afterward to blame an old left knee injury, the two-time Wimbledon winner exited 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8), 6-4 Monday against 135th-ranked Steve Darcis of Belgium—one of the most stunning results ever at the All England Club.

“Nobody remembers the losses. People remember the victories,” Nadal said, shaking his head as he leaned back in a black leather chair. “And I don’t want to remember that loss.”

Everyone else definitely will.

It certainly belongs in the same category as his loss a year ago at Wimbledon, in the second round to Lukas Rosol, a player ranked 100th at the time. After that setback, Nadal missed about seven months because of his bad left knee. Since returning, he had gone 43-2 and reached the finals at all nine tournaments he entered, winning seven.

Most recently, in Paris, he collected his 12th Grand Slam trophy, tied for third-most in history, while extending his winning streak to 22 matches.

“Two weeks ago, I was in a fantastic situation, winning a fantastic tournament,” Nadal said. “Two weeks later, I lost here in the first round. That’s the positive and the negative thing about this sport.”

His early defeat rendered moot all the debate in the preceding days about whether Nadal’s No. 5 seeding was appropriate or whether Wimbledon officials should have bumped him higher because of past success at the grass-court tournament.

In five appearances at Wimbledon from 2006-11 (he missed the 2009 edition because of knee trouble), Nadal reached the final five times. He won the 2008 and 2010 championships, and was the runner-up to Roger Federer in 2006-07, then to Novak Djokovic in 2011.

Because of Nadal’s low-for-him seeding this time—his ranking slid during his time off—he wound up in the same half of the draw as seven-time champion Federer and second-seeded Andy Murray. A possible Nadal-Federer quarterfinal loomed, as did a potential Nadal-Murray semifinal.

So much for that.

“Pretty irrelevant right now,” said Murray, who won in three sets Monday, as did Federer. “It’s obviously surprising. But, you know, the consistency that Rafa, Roger, Novak have shown in the Slams over the last five, six years, it’s going to be almost impossible to keep that up forever.”

Two days before Wimbledon started, Nadal spoke about hav-



Steve Darcis of Belgium reacts as he defeats Rafael Nadal of Spain in their Men's first round singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday, June 24, 2013.

ing more trouble on grass than other surfaces lately because its low skids force him to bend his knees so much to reach shots. Nadal decided to skip a grass-court tuneup tournament between the French Open and Wimbledon, opting to rest instead, and arrived in England on Tuesday to begin preparing in earnest.

On Monday, he said, “I didn’t move the way I need to if I’m going to win on this surface.”

Nadal avoids discussing health issues in the immediate aftermath of a defeat—he didn’t reveal the left knee injury last year until weeks after the Rosol match—and Monday was no different. Still, anyone who watched Nadal play Darcis could tell something wasn’t right.

Nadal deflected three questions in English about his left knee, saying it’s “not the day to talk about these kind of things” and that it would sound like “an excuse.” When a reporter asked in Spanish about the knee, Nadal replied: “You’re assuming I’m injured.” He later did repeat what he mentioned at Roland Garros, which is that the knee is painful at times.

“Maybe he was not in the best shape ever. Maybe he didn’t play his best match,” Darcis said, noting that he wants to get his hands on of a DVD of the most significant victory of his career. “But I have to be proud.”

That’s for sure.

Darcis came in 7-18 in Grand Slam matches, a .280 winning percentage, including 12 first-round losses. So when asked his reaction upon hearing last week that he would be facing Nadal, Darcis smiled broadly and gave a one-word answer unfit for publication.

Then he added: “When you see the draw, of course you say, ‘Ah, it’s bad luck.’”

While Nadal was struggling, Federer and Murray looked the way title contenders are supposed to in the first round. Federer, the defending champion, needed all of 68 minutes to beat 48th-ranked Victor Hanesu of Romania 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 on Centre Court, as former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice looked on from the Royal Box.

“I’m happy to get out of there early and quickly,” Federer said. “Perfect day.”

In the most noteworthy women’s result, fifth-seeded Sara Errani, the 2012 French Open runner-up, lost 6-3, 6-2 to Puerto Rican teenager Monica Puig. Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, won in straight sets. So did second-seeded Victoria Azarenka, but not without a scare.

Azarenka twisted her right knee early in the second set, leaving her tumbling to the grass and sobbing. After about a 10-minute break while a trainer wrapped Azarenka’s knee, the two-time Australian Open champion finished off a 6-1, 6-2 victory over 106th-ranked Maria Joao Koehler of Portugal.

“I was in such shock,” Azarenka said. “You know, for two minutes I had such a consistent pain that it just completely freaked me out.”

Reigning U.S. Open champion Murray, trying to become the first British man to win Wimbledon in 77 years, eliminated 92nd-ranked Benjamin Becker of Germany 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Murray lost to Federer in last year’s final, then returned to the same spot four weeks later and beat Federer for a gold medal at the London Olympics.

“As a fan of tennis, it’s probably disappointing that he’s out, because he’s a fun guy to

watch,” Murray said about Nadal. “He’s one of the best players that’s ever played, so it’s a shame in that respect.”

Nadal gave the 29-year-old Darcis kudos for playing well. Taking big swings and connecting time and again, Darcis finished with 53 winners to Nadal’s 32, while making the same number of unforced errors. Nadal would slump his shoulders or hang his head after misses, and there was a noticeable hitch in his step on some points.

“Nobody was expecting me to win. So I had to play a good match, relax and enjoy. ... That’s what I did,” Darcis said. “I really wanted to do something today.”

He did something no one ever had: In 34 previous major tournaments, Nadal was 34-0 in the first round. Overall, he came in 164-22 at majors, an .882 winning percentage. In the

first 178 Grand Slam matches of his career, Nadal never lost in any round to a player ranked lower than 70th. But in his last nine major matches, he’s been beaten by a pair of guys in the hundreds.

Asked what he did well Monday, Nadal said: “Not a lot of things.”

There were two moments when the 27-year-old Spaniard had a real chance to get close. He broke Darcis to go up 6-5 in the second set, but dropped serve right away with a flubbed backhand, a shot that gave Nadal problems repeatedly.

Then, after saving Darcis’ first four set points in the ensuing tiebreaker, Nadal held one set point himself. With a chance to even the match, however, he dumped a backhand into the net. Two points later, Nadal sailed an errant forehand long, and Darcis held his right fist aloft,

celebrating a two-set lead.

Darcis then broke to open the third, and the spectators roared, not so much because they dislike Nadal, but perhaps so they could forever boast, “I was there.”

Despite feeling tired as the match approached three hours, Darcis played brilliantly in the final game. He hit a forehand winner. He delivered another winner on the run and, as his momentum carried him near the stands, Darcis dropped to a knee and pumped his right arm. After one last Nadal miscue set up match point, Darcis capped his victory with a 109 mph ace.

“I’m not going to get wasted just because I beat Nadal. ... I might have a beer; the ‘recovery beer’ we call it,” Darcis said. “I need to keep my focus. It would be a shame to beat Nadal, then stop there.”

In 2012, Rosol did stop there, losing his next match at Wimbledon. And in a bit of symmetry, Rosol’s 2013 first-round match—a five-set loss—was wrapping up on tiny Court 19 just as Nadal and Darcis were starting on adjacent Court 1.

While he was sidelined from June to February, Nadal missed the London Olympics, U.S. Open and Australian Open. Pressed about his upcoming schedule, and the notion that his grinding, hustling style might put too much pounding on his body, Nadal at first said Monday that no one can ever be sure about the future.

But he did say: “I don’t have any intention of missing the U.S. Open,” the year’s last Grand Slam tournament, which begins in late August.

A reporter wanted to know what Nadal’s goals are at this point.

“My only dream now is to go home and think ... (and) analyze my situation,” he said.

Between words, Nadal took a sip of water, then plopped his player badge on the table in front of him. For the first time in his Grand Slam career, he won’t be needing it after Day 1.

## Puig leads Dodgers to 3-1 win over Giants



**LOS ANGELES (AP)—**

Rookie sensation Yasiel Puig hit his seventh home run in 20 major league games and added a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning against Madison Bumgarner, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.

Nick Punto led off the eighth with a double. Mark Ellis sacrificed Punto to third and reached safely when Bumgarner threw high to first for an error.

Puig greeted George Kontos with a line-drive single to left that scored Punto. Hanley Ramirez drove in the final run on a liner toward the middle that shortstop Brandon Crawford knocked down with a lunging attempt before getting the out at first.

**Padres 4, Phillies 3, 10 innings**

In San Diego, Kyle Blanks singled home the winning run in the 10th inning for his career-high fourth hit, and San Diego rallied from a three-run deficit in the ninth to beat Philadelphia.

Blanks also had a two-run single and scored the tying run on Carlos Ruiz’s passed ball in the ninth as the Padres fought back against Cliff Lee and struggling closer Jonathan Papelbon.

**Rays 4, Blue Jays 1**

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Jeremy Hellickson allowed one hit in seven shutout innings and rookie Wil Myers homered in his home debut, helping the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Blue Jays 4-1 on Monday night to end Toronto’s 11-game winning streak.

Myers hit the second of three straight Tampa Bay homers in the second, connecting in his first at-bat at Tropicana Field. His drive to center off Esmil Rogers (3-3) was sandwiched between home runs by James Loney and Sam Fuld as Tampa Bay went deep three times in a span of eight pitches.

**Indians 5, Orioles 2**

In Baltimore, Michael Brantley homered and had four RBIs to lead Cleveland past Baltimore for its ninth win in 12 games.

Brantley put the Indians ahead with a two-run single off Zach Britton (1-2) in the sixth inning and made it 5-2 with a two-run shot in the eighth off Darren O’Day. His four RBIs tied a career high, reached twice previously.







# 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League Winners

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Adobo's Genesis Mamaril receives the Best Coach award from DLX's Mhelbert Dela Rama during the awards ceremony for the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court early this month.



Finals MVP Angelo Fernando, right, of San Roque Bandits receives his award from DLX's Dado Vistal.



Freestyle's Melvin Cadiang gets a trophy for making it to the Mythical Team.



Mythical Team member Shane Deleon Guerrero of Adobo receives his trophy.



Adobo's Lester Vertudez smiles after receiving his Mythical Team trophy.



Mythical Team member Jason Bahillo gets a trophy.



Mythical Team member McLain Achas of San Roque Bandits poses with DLX's Jojo Garon.



Mythical Team member Gil Gapor shakes hand with DLX's Dado Vistal.



Players and supporters of San Roque Bandits pose with their trophies.



Players of runner-up Adobo pose with their trophy.



# Pangilinan dethrones Obata



Janelle Pangilinan makes a shot near the net during a pool play game in the women's B singles division of the IT&E tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Community Badminton Club's Janelle Pangilinan foiled To-shiko Obata's title defense in the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.



Pangilinan swept Obata in the women's singles B finals last Sunday, 21-19, 21-12, to grab the championship the latter won over Cris Obaldo in three games, 21-18, 15-21, 21-17.

The dethroned champion earned a return trip to the finals after outclassing Loida Ito in the semifinals last Saturday. Obata prevailed in the extended opening game, 22-20, before Ito avoided early elimination, eking out a 21-19 victory in the second game. Then in the deciding tiff, Ito gassed out, allowing Obata to cruise to a 20-6 triumph. In the other semis pairing, Pangilinan ousted Obaldo in two

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## G-Ballers nips Berdax in Chamolinian league

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G-Ballers pulled off a 14-13 win over Berdax in extra innings in the 2013 Budweiser Chamolinian Softball League last Monday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Rico Dela Cruz singled at the top of the eighth inning and drove Franz Decena home to break the deadlock. G-Ballers went on to keep the lead and save the win after leaving Berdax runners stranded on first and second base at the bottom of the extra inning.

Berdax started the bottom of the eighth with Aling Ogunoro making a single, but eventually beaten to second and Dung Tenorio flying out. Clifton Silil was next at bat and moved to first on a fielder's choice and then marched into second af-



Kyle Kaipat, seen here swinging during last year's Chamolinian league, plays for Akarii, which outclassed Salty Boyz, 14-13, in the men's division game last Monday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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ter Jordan Pangelinan singled. However, Silil and Pangelinan were stuck on first and second, as fifth batter flied out.

Berdax sent the match in extra innings after getting two runs at the bottom of the seventh. Jack Guerrero singled in Pangelinan, while Taisacan scored the game-tying run off an error.

Earlier at the top of sixth inning, G-Ballers turned a slim 10-9 lead to a 13-9 cushion with Tom Camacho blasting a two-run homer and Rey Borja drilling a one-run single. A Bill Camacho two-run single at the bottom of the sixth sliced the deficit two two and Berdax went on to tie the match after shutting out G-Ballers' first three batters at the top of the seventh.

Despite the loss, Berdax still holds a better record than G-Ballers with the former having a 3-3 slate against the latter's

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## CNMI men drop second game in MBT



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The CNMI's Chris Mizer pulls up for a jumper against teammate Shane Deleon Guerrero during a practice session at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium last week.

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The CNMI Junior Nationals remained winless in the boys division of the 2013 U19 Micronesian Basketball Tournament after falling to Guam U19, 57-78, last Monday

night at the Father Duenas Memorial School Phoenix Centre in Hagatna.

The Commonwealth youth cagers kept up with the host in the first quarter, forcing a standoff, 17-all, before Guam seized control in the second canto to hand the visitors a 0-2

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